

Joint CEDR–ERF Work Zone Safety Symposium

Format: Lunch-to-lunch meeting & evening walking buffet - over two days

Date: 2 & 3 February 2026 - *Hendrik Conscience Auditorium: Bd Roi Albert II 15, 1210 Brussels*

Target audience:

- CEOs & Directors of NRAs
- Senior policymakers & influencers
- Automotive industry (EUCAR, ACEA, OEMs, truck manufacturers)
- European Commission
- National governments & motorway companies
- Freight & logistics (hauliers)

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Day 1

12:00 – 13:00 Registration & Light Lunch

Informal networking opportunity as participants arrive.

13:00 – 13:30 Opening & Welcome Remarks

- *Eleftherios Eleftheriou, Cypriot Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works*

13:30 – 15:00 Session 1 – Planning and Coordination for Safer Work Zones

Confirmed panellists include

- *Kathy Vandenmeersschaut, Agency for Roads and Traffic/Agentschap Wegen en Verkeer*
- *Roberto Maiorana, Director-General, Swedish Transport Administration-Trafikverket*
- *Stefan Pfeiffer, Roadpol*
- *Moderator: Steve Phillips, CEDR*
 - Strategic approaches for integrating safety into early project planning
 - Coordination between authorities, contractors, and stakeholders
 - Tendering processes and safety requirements
 - Discussion on harmonisation across borders and regions

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 Session 2 – Installation & Operation: From Set-Up to Dismantling

Confirmed panellists include

- *Alastair De Beer, Head of Road Safety, Transport Infrastructure Ireland*
- *József Attila Szilvai, CEO KOZUT Hungarian Public Roads and TRA2026 organiser*
- *Keith Dawson, ERF and Ramudden Global*
- *Marcus Anders, Managing Director, SWARCO Traffic*

- *Moderator: Antonio Avenoso, ETSC*
- Best practices for safe work zone installation and removal (short-term and long-term)
- Use of technology to reduce exposure of workers to live traffic
- Incident management during operations
- Experiences from different European countries

17:00 – 17:30 Wrap-up of Day 1 Sessions

Evening Programme

18:30 – 21:00 Reception & Walking buffet - *Thon Hotel City Centre: Avenue du Boulevard 17, 1210 Brussels.*

Day 2

08:30 – 09:00 Welcome Coffee

09:00 – 10:30 Session 3 – Design, Layout, and Protection

Confirmed panellists include

- *Gauthier Michaux, SPW Wallonie*
- *Moderator, Christophe Nicodeme, ERF*
- Physical and digital traffic management tools - C-ITS
- Harmonisation of signage and layouts for better user understanding and vehicle system integration
- Worker protection measures and innovations
- Innovations in equipment and safety devices

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Session 4 – Vehicles, People, and Freight

Confirmed panellists include

- *Stephanie Leonard, TISA Chair and Tomtom*
- *Stephane Buffat, EUCAR and Renault*
- *Olivier Quoy, ATLANDES*
- Interaction between work zones and different road users
- Role of vehicle manufacturers and freight operators in safety
- Human factors: driver awareness, training, and behaviour change
- Digital tools and C-ITS applications for safer work zones
- Autonomous vehicles and roadworks

12:30 – 13:00 Closing Session – Conclusions & Next Steps

- *Steve Phillips, CEDR*
- *Christophe Nicodème, ERF*
- *Eleftherios Eleftheriou, Cypriot Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works*
- Summary of key messages
- Commitments for collaboration and follow-up actions

13:00 – 14:00 Light Lunch & Networking

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