



Conference of European
Directors of Roads



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*

The event targets CEOs and Directors of NRAs, road constructors, maintainers and operators, automotive and services sectors, Ministries, European institutions and other stakeholder bodies.

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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
- Matthieu Bertrand, European Investment Bank
- Freek Haerens, BU President Ramudden Belgium and the Netherlands

13:30 – 14:55 Session 1 – Planning and Coordination for Safer Work Zones

Confirmed panellists include

- Kathy Vandenmeerschaut, Agency for Roads and Traffic/Agentschap Wegen en Verkeer
- Roberto Maiorana, Director-General, Swedish Transport Administration-Trafikverket
- Keith Dawson, ERF and Ramudden Global
- Stefan Pfeiffer, German Police Union (DPolG)

- 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

14:55 – 15:35 Coffee Break

15:35 – 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*
- *Marcus Anders, Managing Director, SWARCO Traffic*
- *Hinko Van Geelen, Belgian Road Research Centre*
- *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 – 10:25 Session 3 – Design, Layout, and Protection

Confirmed panellists include

- *Bob Demoet, MD, Rijkswaterstaat - Programmes, Projects and Maintenance (PPO)*
- *Dries Vanloo, Stuer-Egghe*
- *Richard Wilson, National Highways*
- *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

10:25 – 11:05 Coffee Break

11:05 – 12:30 Session 4 – Vehicles, People, and Freight

Confirmed panellists include

- *Stephanie Chaufton, TISA*
- *Stephane Buffat, EUCAR and Renault*
- *Olivier Quoy, ATLANDES*
- *Ellen Magg, FIA*
- *Moderator: Servi Beckers, eReg*

- 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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