

## 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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### DRAFT PROGRAMME

#### 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 Vandenmeersschaut, 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 (DPoIG)*
- *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 Chaufon, 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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