



Conférence Européenne
des Directeurs des Routes

Conference of European
Directors of Roads

Public Consultation

Safety Requirements for Contractors

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Improving road safety is a key strategic goal of CEDR. In 2016, the road safety challenges of road authorities to achieve vision zero were published to outline the areas in which actions were needed. In 2021, CEDR is revisiting its road safety strategy as a core part of the priorities of its UK President.

There are many concrete actions that road authorities can take to improve road safety and reduce fatalities and harm. One of these is to exercise leadership in the domain; CEDR itself now intends to demonstrate this priority. One of the key opportunities is through procurement practises. CEDR's procurement only amounts a few million euros each year and collectively contractors employ only a few hundred people. Therefore, CEDR cannot expect to have a significant effect on overall road safety across Europe, but it is important to demonstrate its priorities and start somewhere. In addition, since many of contracts depend on specific named contractors, CEDR considers this as a risk management to value the safety of its contractors.

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTATION

Starting from 2021, CEDR is requiring all of its contractors to review their internal road safety practises in different domains. As a first step, CEDR wants to understand what the level of road safety awareness amongst its contractors is. CEDR recognises that many of its past and current contractors are seen internationally as road safety experts themselves and welcomes any actions they will take to support this initiative.

CEDR is therefore launching a public consultation on the road safety requirements to be expected by all contractors. The first proposal of the basic requirements is shown here. In this context, CEDR is now looking for the views of past, current and future contractors and for the best way to implement such a system as either an eligibility requirement or evaluation criteria, or perhaps a mix of both. All comments on the issues considered and suggestions on new ones are more than welcome.

TARGET GROUP: All past, current and future contractors for CEDR as well as other interested parties.

CONSULTATION PERIOD: 14 July – 20 August 2021

CONTACT: Please send your contributions to this public consultation to research@cedr.eu by using or consulting the Appendix below.

Appendix - Draft contractors road safety requirements

Contractors are required to complete the form and sign below to confirm that they include road safety requirements as part of their employer's health and safety obligations under 89/391/EEC or similar legislation. <i>Please attach any evidence of compliance (e.g. ISO39001 assessments)</i>	YES	NO
Contractors shall confirm that this includes at least the following measures;		
For driving		
Employees are required to receive re-training and refresher courses at regular periods and/or when changing vehicles (especially vehicles with new features)?	YES	NO
Employees receive clear (written) guidelines to actively discourage distracted driving (eg.texting).	YES	NO
Employees receive clear (written) guidelines to actively discourage speeding	YES	NO
Employees receive clear (written) guidelines to avoid driving when tired including after work.	YES	NO
Employees receive clear (written) guidelines to avoid driving in adverse weather conditions and understand that they can cancel journeys or make other arrangements.	YES	NO
Vehicles		
Where applicable, all vehicles purchased or leased by the organisation shall meet at least the EuroNAP 5-star criteria and shall wherever possible include C-ITS Day 1/1.5 services.	YES	NO
All vehicles used by any employees for any professional purposes, including the private vehicles of employees, are required to be maintained to manufacturers requirements and employees are instructed to make regular checks of basic features (tyres, windscreen washer etc).	YES	NO
Planning		
Risk assessments ensure that all professional journeys shall be planned to give sufficient time for employees to drive within the applicable speed limits and provide adequate time for rest breaks ¹	YES	NO
Measures are in place to ensure that the schedule of working shall be arranged to ensure that adequate rest breaks and sleeping times are ensured before any driving tasks.	YES	NO
Sub-contractors		
Procurement practices are in place to ensure that all sub-contractors and suppliers are encouraged to follow road safety requirements. ²	YES	NO

Signed (Responsible director)

¹ Measures that specify the use of other modes (eg rail) for longer journeys are also applicable

² Not applicable to organisations with an annual turnover of less than two million euros