

# ACTIONS

Workshops are important means of communication. ITA-COSUF organizes at least one internal workshop per year to exchange views with colleagues in a 'safe environment'. Also, open workshops are organized to share views and experience with the practicing professionals. As far as possible, summaries of the workshops are drafted and made available for our members.

While most workshops will focus on a specific project with groundbreaking impact on safety and security purposes, some of them are organised to deepen a topic being studied by an ITA-COSUF Activity Group.



ITA-COSUF publishes strategic papers giving its views and demonstrating its activity. Draft papers are made public rather quickly in order to give visibility to ITA-COSUF activities and collect outside reactions; additionally, documents of a higher status are disseminated as ITA-COSUF recommendations.

Additionally, master theses and other reports from research projects are supported by ITA-COSUF and then published on the website and by other means under the ITA-COSUF logo.

# MEMBERSHIP

ITA-COSUF welcomes corporate and individual members.

Membership in ITA-COSUF is independent from membership in ITA (a member of ITA-COSUF needs not be a member of ITA; membership in both is of course welcome and encouraged).

Membership in ITA-COSUF is subject to an annual fee. The current membership fee is as follows:

- 250 € for individual members, public and educational corporate members
- 250 € for other corporate members with no more than 10 staff
- 500 € for other corporate members

Corporate members may participate in ITA-COSUF activities with up to four people.

For more information, please get in touch with us via our website (see [cosuf.ita-aites.org](http://cosuf.ita-aites.org)) or via the official ITA-secretariat (see address below).

# CONTACT

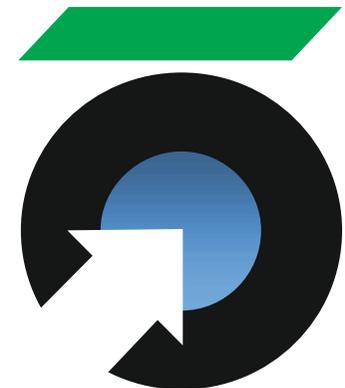
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# ITA-COSUF

## Committee on Operational Safety of Underground Facilities

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# SCOPE

The objectives of ITA-COSUF are:

- to exchange knowledge
- to facilitate cooperation worldwide
- to support the creation of dedicated teams and groups to perform specific (research or other) activities
- to enhance research and development activities through combining of national, European and international funding and support



ITA-COSUF will promote safety and security by:

- fostering innovation
- raising awareness of current and newly developed safety and security issues amongst decision makers, professional end-users, financiers, risk managers, international forums and other stakeholders
- supporting the development of improved regulations and standards regarding safety and security of underground facilities in operation

# POSITIONING

ITA-COSUF is the platform for communication on operational safety and security in underground facilities, i.e. the network to make all players meet, exchange their views and share their experience.

ITA-COSUF is well positioned in-between the global players in safety and security of underground facilities.

ITA-COSUF is open to all kinds of members (authorities, consultants, research, industry, contractors, safety officers, etc.) while PIARC is dedicated to public bodies, UIC to railway organisations, UITP mainly to transport authorities and operators. Therefore ITA-COSUF can gather a variety of views.

All organisations like PIARC, UIC, UITP deal with safety and security of underground facilities only as a part of their activities, while ITA-COSUF is devoted to these topics. Additionally, ITA-COSUF has skills in both construction (from its ITA affiliation) and operation. ITA-COSUF is a centre of excellence.

ITA-COSUF can play an important role in the underground safety community as it covers all underground facilities and is not focusing on a particular type: it can deal with overlaps and differences (cross-fertilization) and draw general views/lessons.

# ACTIVITY GROUPS

A large part of ITA-COSUF thinking and outputs relies on its four activity groups.

## **Activity group 1:**

Interaction with European and international activities

## **Activity Group 2:**

Regulations and best practice

## **Activity Group 3:**

Research and new findings

## **Activity Group 4:**

Road Tunnel Safety Officers

For more information on the topics and aims of a specific AG, do not hesitate to get in touch with the group leaders. Contact addresses as well as additional information about ITA-COSUF activities, workshops, publications and other topics can be found on our website at

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