

ITA COSUF News (July 2021)



Dear COSUF members,

I hope you have overcome the difficult circumstances from the past year and that this message finds you in a good condition at the office or at home.

The lockdown period has limited the anticipated activities during the last year and only one virtual event was organised since November 2020. The [ITA COSUF TSO Webinar on Tunnel Safety \(29 April 2021\)](#) has taken place with a real great success. In case you did not have the chance to participate, you can find a short summary behind the link including directions to obtain the very interesting presentations.

Various online Steering Board Meetings were held in the first half of this year during which the prospect of a joint conference between PIARC and ITA COSUF on New Energy Carriers in Road Tunnels has been discussed. This joint event of PIARC and ITA COSUF will be a next step to strengthen the partnerships. Now, hopefully the time is ready to reach out for physical meetings, although the risk of a new Covid 19 peak in November or December 2021 is not negligible. Therefore, PIARC, ITA COSUF and KPT have decided to organize a physical Workshop on New Energy Carriers in Road Tunnels on 20-21 October 2021 in Utrecht, the Netherlands. The General Assembly 2021 and Activity Group Meetings will be part of this event.

The ITA COSUF website was updated with new content: the [ITA COSUF position paper](#) on New Operational Road Tunnel Safety Issues in a Low Carbon Economy and Smart Mobility Environment and two videos ([membership promo](#) and [position paper promo](#)).

The date of the postponed Tunnel Safety Officers Forum will be on 8-10 June 2022. The publication of the TSO Guidance Document is almost finished, and the

document will probably be launched during a future ITA COSUF webinar.

For now, I wish you a pleasant summer holiday and we are looking forward to reunite.

Kind regards.

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