



Activity Groups (AG)

AG 1 – Interaction with European and international activities

Scope

AG 1 is focussing on being in close contact with third parties on the field of underground safety such as the European Technology Platforms, national research organisations, R&D project leaders, decision makers etc. in order to avoid duplication of activities, to provide information about COSUF as well as to receive input from third parties regarding their activities etc.

Activities

- Liaise and exchange information with third parties
- Identify initiatives and activities of interest for COSUF
- Promote safety and security in underground facilities

AG 2 – Regulations, guidelines and best practice

Scope

AG 2 is aiming at best practice to be implemented world wide and put down in state-of-the-art recommendations, guidelines and regulations.

Activities

- Definition of safety objectives
- Basic methods of technical approach and risk assessment
- Use and application of safety systems, equipment, process and practice
- Listing of current recommendations, guidelines and regulations worldwide on operational safety of all kind of underground facilities

AG 3 – Research and new findings

Scope

AG 3 is closely following R&D and fostering the use of research results and findings for the improvement of safety and security. Therefore the specification of new research needs is part of this AG's scope, too.

Activities

- Collection, evaluation and dissemination of research results and new findings
- Initiating R&D projects
- Implementation of results and new findings into best practice (in close collaboration with AG 2)
- Identification needs and giving directions for future research

AG 4 – Road Tunnel Safety Officers

Scope

AG 4 offers a platform for road tunnel safety officers to discuss best practice and experience on how to carry out their function and duties. Although focusing on EU regulations, AG 4 is open for worldwide participation.

Activities

- Collection, exchange, evaluation and dissemination of best practice
- Organization of the European Forum for Road Tunnel Safety Officers



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About ITA-COSUF

ITA-COSUF – the Committee on Operational Safety of Underground Facilities was founded at the 33rd ITA-AITES World Tunnel Congress (WTC) 2005 in Istanbul. It is one out of four ITA committees and supported by PIARC, the World Road Association. Objectives are targeted through four Activity Groups (AG) which are:

- AG 1 – Interaction with European and international activities
- AG 2 – Regulations and best practice
- AG 3 – Research and new findings
- AG 4 – Road Tunnel Safety Officers

Objectives

- Maintenance and development of networks
- Exchange knowledge
- Facilitate cooperation worldwide
- Enhance R&D activities
- Promotion of safety and security
- Support of the development of improved regulations

European Road Safety Charter

ITA-COSUF is member of the European Road Safety Charter



Member's benefit

- Being member of a worldwide network
- Annual meetings in form of the General Assembly
- Twice a year Activity Group (AG) meetings and specific workshops
- Access to technical information, documents
- Access to and integration into AG and R&D-activities

Membership

Any corporate organisation or company can apply for membership. A subscription form may be found at the website and has to be sent to:
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