

ELA and CORTE

Online Information session on road transport social legislation with a focus on roadside inspections

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

As part of Mobility Package 1 (MP1), new rules for the road transport sector covering market and social aspects have been introduced across the EU. To help the sector correctly understand and apply these rules, the European Commission services have prepared a series of guidance documents. The Commission has also funded a TRACE 2 project (executed under the leadership of CORTE and in close collaboration with consortium partners) under which training materials were produced. The materials and knowledge generated by the TRACE 2 project are of great value for the improvement of consistency in the application of Union law. While many of the new provisions have been clarified, common understanding across the EU is still needed in some areas. In this regard, ELA can play an important role.

Aim and objectives

The information session aims to promote mutual understanding and consistency in the application of the provisions of Mobility Package 1 (MP1) in all EU Member States, with a particular focus on the rules on driving and rest periods, as well as posting of drivers (*lex specialis*), at the roadside.

The information session will be organised in coordination with the European Commission and in close cooperation with CORTE (Confederation of Organisations in Road Transport Enforcement). The European sectoral social partners (IRU, ETF) will also be invited as TRACE 2 project partners, to take part as speakers and thus contribute to the organization of the event.

The format

The proposal foresees **five identical 2,5-hour online information sessions for the road transport operators and social partners in groups of 4-6 Member States** (1 information session per group). Interpretation will be provided in the languages of the participating Member States.

Subdivision of Member States into groups and proposed schedule for each group

It is proposed to divide the countries into five groups and organise one information session per group in 2024. The country composition of the groups is mostly based on geographical proximity and is proposed as follows:

- **GROUP 1 – CENTRAL EASTERN EUROPE** – Poland, Slovakia, Czechia, Hungary (4 MS)

Date: 8 February 2024 14:00 -16:30

- **GROUP 2 - NORDIC BALTICS** – Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Denmark, Sweden, Finland (6 MS) / +Norway
Date: 21 March 2024 14:00 – 16:30
- **GROUP 3 – CENTRAL WESTERN EUROPE** – Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria (5MS) /+Switzerland (Liechtenstein?)
Date: 12 April 2024 14:00 – 16:30
- **GROUP 4 – MEDITERRANEAN & IE** – Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Malta, Ireland (6 MS)
Date: May/ June 2024
- **GROUP 5 – SOUTHERN-EASTERN** – Bulgaria, Romania, Greece, Cyprus, Croatia, Slovenia (6 MS)
Date: June/ September 2024

ANNEX I

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Draft Agenda

13.30 – 14:00	Registration
14:00- 14:05	Welcome words by ELA/CORTE
14:05 – 14:15	ELA information activities in the road transport sector
14:15 – 14:45	Driving & Rest Times Rules (Changes introduced by Mobility Package I and practical examples) – presentation
14:45 – 15:00	Experience from the side of drivers and operators by ETF and IRU
15:00 –15:20	Discussion
15:20 – 15:50	Posting of Drivers – presentation
15:50 – 16:05	Experience from the side of drivers and operators by ETF and IRU
16:05 – 16:25	Discussion
16:25 – 16:30	Closing remarks by ELA/CORTE