



PIARC - VIA VITA INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

First Announcement

Workshop overview, preliminary programme and practical information

Workshop dates	9-10 November 2026
Workshop sessions	Afternoon of 9 November to noon on 10 November
Venue	Hotel Lone, Rovinj, Croatia
Official language	English
Registration	Registration is open - access the event page

Held within the 13th Congress

The workshop forms part of the 13th Congress of the Croatian Association for Roads and Railways - Via Vita, taking place from 8 to 10 November 2026 at Hotel Lone in Rovinj.

Jointly organised by the Croatian Association for Roads and Railways - Via Vita and PIARC Technical Committee 1.4

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Welcome to Rovinj

The Croatian Association for Roads and Railways - Via Vita is pleased to invite road professionals, decision-makers, public authorities, infrastructure managers, engineers, researchers and industry representatives to the PIARC - Via Vita International Workshop "Preparing Road Networks for a Changing Climate and Other Hazards".

The workshop is being held as part of the 13th Congress of the Croatian Association for Roads and Railways - Via Vita. For many years, the Congress has served as one of Croatia's leading professional gatherings in the transport sector, bringing together public institutions, investors, designers, contractors, academia and the private sector.

This edition is particularly significant because it is organised in partnership with PIARC (World Road Association) and includes an international programme developed with PIARC Technical Committee 1.4 - Planning the Resilience of Road Networks - Climate Change and Other Hazards.

Why this workshop matters

Climate change and other natural hazards increasingly affect the safety, reliability, durability and operation of road networks. Road authorities therefore need practical frameworks, robust data, informed investment decisions and engineering approaches that help networks prepare, adapt, continue operating and recover.

Workshop objectives

- Share international and Croatian experience, case studies and practical approaches to road-network resilience.
- Present and discuss PIARC's expertise on frameworks, methods and tools for climate adaptation and resilience planning.
- Explore how climate risks can be embedded in network planning, engineering assessment, pavement and asset management.
- Strengthen exchange among road administrations, researchers, practitioners and decision-makers.

A working international forum

The programme is designed to combine expert presentations with questions, moderated discussion and the exchange of transferable practices.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

Workshop themes

The programme is still being developed. At this stage, the workshop is expected to address the following themes:

- Road-network resilience planning for climate change and other hazards.
- PIARC International climate change adaptation framework, methods and practical uptake.
- Establishing the adaptation baseline: risk mapping, data, assessment and prioritization.
- Weather-related traffic disruptions, continuity of operations and network performance.
- Climate impacts on road and pavement durability, condition assessment and engineering decisions.
- GIS and digital technologies for road-network management and resilience planning.
- Integrating climate resilience into pavement and asset management and long-term investment planning.
- Croatian and international experience in network development, accessibility and resilience.

Programme status

Session titles and individual presentations remain subject to review and confirmation. The final programme and speakers will be published in the Second Announcement.

Who should attend

- Road administrations, ministries and other public authorities.
- Infrastructure owners, operators and network managers.
- Engineers, designers, consultants, contractors and technology providers.
- Climate-risk, resilience, GIS, pavement and asset-management specialists.
- Universities, research institutions and students in relevant fields.
- International organisations, professional associations and development partners.

PROGRAMME

Preliminary programme structure

Workshop sessions will begin in the afternoon of 9 November and conclude at noon on 10 November 2026.

Period	Block	Indicative focus
9 November Afternoon	Opening and context	Welcome; Croatian road and transport context; PIARC and Technical Committee 1.4; resilience and adaptation frameworks.
9 November Afternoon	Technical Session 1	Challenges from a changing climate. Mapping the starting point for adaptation of road networks. What <i>should</i> we do and what <i>can</i> we do?
9 November Afternoon	Technical Session 2	Mapping vulnerability and risk on the road network: Assessing the state of the road network concerning natural hazards and the needs for action,
10 November Morning	Technical Session 3	Response measures and strategies to deal with impacts of natural hazards on roads. Planning infrastructure durability, pavement condition, engineering decisions under a changing climate.
10 November Morning	Technical Session 4	Integrating climate resilience into decision-making: pavement and asset management, investment prioritisation and long-term network planning.
Throughout	Exchange and conclusions	Questions and answers, moderated debate, international and Croatian case studies, and closing conclusions.

Detailed timings, session chairs and speakers will be announced later. The programme is subject to change.

Format

Technical presentations, moderated questions and answers, debate and closing conclusions.

PLAN YOUR PARTICIPATION**Registration and practical information****Registration**

Registration is required and is available through the [13th Congress event page](#).

Complimentary registration codes

Designated PIARC participants and invited workshop speakers who have been granted complimentary participation must request their registration code from PIARC team involved in organizing the workshop before completing the online registration form.

Venue and accommodation

Venue	Hotel Lone, Luje Adamovića 31, 52210 Rovinj, Croatia
Hotel information	Hotel Lone - official website
Accommodation	Participants arrange and pay for their accommodation individually.
Accommodation code	VIAVITA2026 - enter this code when booking Hotel Lone.

Important: VIAVITA2026 is the accommodation promotional code. It is not the complimentary workshop registration code.

Travel to Rovinj

Nearest airport	Pula Airport - approximately 38 km / 40 minutes from Hotel Lone
Other options	Trieste - approximately 107 km / 1 h 35 min; Zagreb - approximately 250 km / 3 h
Local transfer	Participants arrange their own airport or ground transfer.

Visa information

Croatia is part of the Schengen Area. Participants are responsible for checking visa requirements and applying in good time through the competent authority. [Official Croatian visa information](#).

Participants who require a supporting invitation letter for visa purposes should contact tamara.durijancek@hrvatske-ceste.hr as early as possible. The Workshop Secretariat will provide further instructions on the information required.

Language and contact

Official language	English
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