



Second Announcement

Workshop programme and practical information

Workshop	Details
Dates	9–10 November 2026
Monday 9 November	15:00–18:25
Tuesday 10 November	09:30–13:00
Venue	Hotel Lone, Rovinj, Croatia
Official language	English

Welcome to Rovinj

The Croatian Association for Roads and Railways – Via Vita and PIARC Technical Committee 1.4 – Planning the Resilience of Road Networks – Climate Change and Other Hazards invite road professionals, public authorities, infrastructure managers, engineers and researchers to the international workshop Preparing Road Networks for a Changing Climate and Other Hazards.

Held within the 13th Congress of Via Vita (8–10 November 2026), the workshop combines international and Croatian case studies with practical discussion on climate adaptation, risk assessment, engineering responses and resilience in decision-making.

Registration is open. [Register through the Congress event page](#)

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15:00–18:25 | *Opening and technical sessions*

Opening and welcome

Time	Programme
15:00–15:30	Introduction and welcome The Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure and the transport sector in Croatia Damir Šoštarić, Director of the Directorate for EU Funds and Strategic Planning, Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia PIARC – Learning through collaboration Hisaya Hirose, PIARC General Secretariat TC 1.4 – Planning the Resilience of Road Networks Stuart Woods, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency / PIARC TC 1.4 Motorway and State Road Network Development in Croatia Goran Puž, Croatian Roads

Session 1 Challenges and adaptation priorities

Time	Presentation or discussion
15:30–15:50	Challenges in a changing climate. Mapping the starting point for adaptation of road networks. What should we do and what can we do? Gordana Petkovic, Norwegian Public Roads Administration / PIARC TC 1.4
15:50–16:05	The impact of climate change on the durability of road infrastructure Prof. Marija Šperac and Prof. Sanja Dimter, Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek
16:05–16:20	Traffic Disruptions due to Weather Conditions in Croatia Irena Čačić, Chief of the Central Traffic Management Unit, Croatian Roads
16:20–16:35	Challenges in Responding to Climate Change – Example from South Africa Krishna Naidoo, SANRAL, South Africa / PIARC TC 1.4
16:35–16:50	Moderated discussion What are the most important issues concerning climate change? What should and could your road organisation achieve, and what should it focus on when planning for adaptation to climate change?
16:50–17:05	Break

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17:05–18:25 | *Technical programme continued*

Session 2 Mapping vulnerability and risk

Time	Presentation or discussion
17:05–17:25	Mapping vulnerability and risk on the road network: assessing the state of the road network concerning natural hazards and the needs for action Jonathan Munslow, Viasulis Consulting, United Kingdom / PIARC TC 1.4
17:25–17:40	National Risk Assessment Tool – Database of Risks Stuart Woods, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency / PIARC TC 1.4
17:40–17:55	Assessing Resilience and Establishing a Basis for Prioritisation Thomas Bles, Deltares, Netherlands / PIARC TC 1.4
17:55–18:10	Application of GIS Technologies in the Management of the State Road Network of the Republic of Croatia Marko Šimac, Chief of the Infrastructure Management Department, Croatian Roads
18:10–18:25	Moderated discussion Which vulnerabilities are important to know? How are natural hazards mapped? Is there a register of landslides and floods, and is this information available? How should risks be assessed and managed?
18:25	End of Day 1

The workshop approach

Each technical session starts with a framing presentation, followed by three case studies and a moderated discussion. Participants are invited to share experience, compare approaches and consider how the examples can inform their own road organisations.

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09:30–13:00 | *Technical sessions and conclusions*

Session 3 Response measures and engineering decisions

Time	Presentation or discussion
09:30–09:40	Summary of Day 1 and introduction to Day 2
09:40–10:00	Response measures and strategies to deal with impacts of natural hazards on roads. Engineering decisions under a changing climate: from planning infrastructure durability and pavement conditions to managing events. Stuart Woods, Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency / PIARC TC 1.4
10:00–10:15	Routine Maintenance of State Roads in the Republic of Croatia: Network, Institutional Framework, Management Model and Performance Indicators Goran Puž and Dubravko Kušek, Croatian Roads
10:15–10:30	Engineering Decisions under Climate Change: Is Traditional Pavement Condition Assessment Still Enough? Prof. Tatjana Rukavina, Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Zagreb
10:30–10:45	Territorial Arrangement of the Republic of Croatia for Accessibility in Accordance with National Interests and EU Directives Mate Pađen, Prof. Sanja Dimter, Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture Osijek, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek Prof. Tatjana Rukavina
10:45–11:00	Moderated discussion Adaptation options and feasibility assessment: judging what is acceptable and why. How does your road organisation set priorities: risk-based, vulnerability-based or budget-driven decisions?
11:00–11:15	Break

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11:05–12:40 | *Technical programme continued*

Session 4 Resilience in decision making

Time	Presentation or discussion
11:15–11:35	Implementation of resilience measures in decision-making processes in a changing climate Thomas Bles, Deltares, Netherlands / PIARC TC 1.4
11:35–11:50	Integrating Climate Resilience into Pavement Management Prof. Josipa Domitrović, Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Zagreb
11:50–12:05	Best Practices in Improving Road Resilience – Example from Belgium Eva Van den Bossch, Belgian Road Research Centre / PIARC TC 1.4
12:05–12:20	Planning for Resilience – Project CRESCO, Adria Climate RESiliEnt COastal Planning in Adriatic Prof. Iva Mrak, Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Rijeka
12:20–12:35	Moderated discussion What are the most important steps for including adaptation in regular decision-making processes? Which administrative changes are needed to support adaptation to climate change? How should the need be presented to leadership?
12:35–13:00	Summary and next steps in framework development Participant involvement and feedback
13:00	End of the workshop

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Registration and practical information

Registration

Registration is required and is available through the 13th Congress event page.

[Online registration and Congress information](#)

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

Venue and accommodation

Item	Information
Venue	Hotel Lone, Luje Adamovića 31, 52210 Rovinj, Croatia
Accommodation	Participants arrange and pay for their accommodation individually.
Promotional code	VIAVITA2026 – enter this code when booking Hotel Lone.

[Hotel Lone – official website](#)

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

Travel to Rovinj

Airport or transfer	Indicative travel information
Pula Airport	Approximately 38 km / 40 minutes from Hotel Lone
Trieste	Approximately 107 km / 1 hour 35 minutes
Zagreb	Approximately 250 km / 3 hours
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-cestce.hr as early as possible. The Workshop Secretariat will provide instructions on the information required.

Language and contact

Official language: English

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