

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

The 1st International Conference on Decarbonizing the Road Sector 2025 "Global Strategies for Infrastructure and Road Users"





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1 Welcome Messages

1.1 By First Delegate Vera Hofbauer

Distinguished members of the international road community,

we would like to invite you to join the International PIARC Conference on Decarbonization of Roads 2025. We plan for an exchange forum on the latest insights regarding decarbonizing the road sector for practitioners in road administrations, mobility providers and in the construction industry.

The decarbonization of road traffic and road infrastructure is a primary objective of Austrian Mobility and Transport. Austria is eager to be a frontrunner in Climate Action especially in the road sector; therefore, we would like to share our achievements through the PIARC network.

At the same time, we are aware of the necessity to keeping up the pace by looking internationally for new technologies and innovations emerging in tackling the Climate Crisis provided by other countries – and here we trust in PIARC as the primary hub for worldwide exchange of knowledge in the road sector!

We believe in a joint effort for Climate Action and we invite you to experience the unique Austrian hospitality within an ambitious professional environment!

See you in Vienna on May, 7th - 9th 2025!

1.2 By PIARC President

On behalf of PIARC, the World Road Association, I am pleased to invite you to attend and participate in the International Conference on Decarbonizing the Road Sector that will take place on May 7-9, 2025, in Vienna, Austria: road practitioners, governments, road operators, engineering companies and universities, from both the public and private sectors, are all welcome to join.

The event will explore the many ways that the road sector can contribute to the much-needed decarbonization of transport: national strategies and policies for decarbonization of the road passenger and freight transport sector, deployment plans, Electric Road Systems (ERS), alternative energy production and sources in the road sector, logistical and technological decarbonization efficiency of road construction projects and maintenance, road construction project logistics, decarbonization of construction and maintenance equipment, etc. Indeed, along with road safety and resilience, decarbonization is one of our top priorities at PIARC.



Emanuela Stocchi Director of International Affairs AISCAT PIARC President



Vera Hofbauer MSc Director General "Transport" Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology PIARC First Delegate of Austria

Federal Ministry Republic of Austria Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

The conference will be a world-class event that will present the work carried out by our international Technical Committees, made up of experts from PIARC's member countries around the world. It will offer an opportunity to all participants to share experiences and international best practices. This will be a forum for building new relationships, reconnecting with old peers, disseminating knowledge, sharing best practice and much more.

On behalf of PIARC, I would like to sincerely thank our Austrian partners, the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, the PIARC Austrian National Committee, and ASFINAG, in particular Mr. Alexander Walcher, PIARC Vice President, for their commitment in organizing this conference, which will undoubtedly be a success.

1.3 By PIARC Austria President and MD ASFINAG BMG

Decarbonization is a key priority for PIARC Austria and, in particular, for ASFINAG. As an essential part of the mobility transition, ASFINAG is increasingly focusing on multimodality and connectivity with public transport. Our strategic approach also includes achieving energy self-sufficiency and preparing our network for e-mobility. Additionally, decarbonization in construction has become a crucial area of research, playing an increasing role in public tenders when selecting the best bidder for infrastructure projects.

It is a great honour for me, both as President of the Austrian National Committee and Vice President of PIARC, as well as in my role as Managing Director of ASFINAG BMG, to welcome you to the first global PIARC conference on decarbonization in the road sector. I am convinced that this conference will provide valuable insights and fresh perspectives on these strategically important topics — not only for PIARC and ASFINAG but also for infrastructure development worldwide.

Alexander Walcher MSc Managing Director ASFINAG BMG PIARC Vice-President President of the Austrian PIARC National Committee







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2 Introduction Notes

2.1 PIARC Strategic Coordinator for Decarbonization – Fabio Pasquali

Dear Participants, Experts, and Colleagues,

we are now at a critical stage in the effort to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the road transport sector. Promising advancements are mixed with concerning challenges. The year 2025 will bring two significant events: COP30 in Brazil—marking 10 years since COP21 and the Paris Agreement —and the preparation for the UN Decade for Sustainable Transport, set to begin in 2026. These events will focus global attention on commitments, actions, and the collective effort needed to achieve the ambitious goal of reversing the rising trend of GHG emissions from road transport—an objective we can no longer afford to postpone. At the same time, we are witnessing a shift in the global commitment to emission reductions among key international players, opening new scenarios and, potentially, new points of equilibrium.

The Vienna Conference has been carefully designed by PIARC and Austria's institutional partners to present solutions, share experiences, foster debate, and provide a platform for learning and discussion.

We warmly invite you to be part of this event. Together, we can build on these discussions to strengthen our commitment to improving the carbon efficiency of road transport—an essential sector for people around the world.

2.2 Chair TC 3.5 – Jan Pettersson

On-road freight and passenger transport represent over 75% of global inland transport and must decarbonize to achieve the goals of The Paris Agreement. There are today a number of solutions for diminishing the carbon footprint from road transports. All solutions have their pros and cons and the needs differ among the nations. All solutions have their different energy, cost and socioeconomics challenges and it is important to understand these differences and how to face them. There is also needs to produce more green energy among the nations, and the road sector has the possibility to contribute to the energy production by deploying smart energy solution on and along the roads. It is important to learn more about these possibilities.

PIARC will support by sharing information and knowledge and give analysis to accelerate deployment of best practices, modern technologies and avoid missteps by sharing lessons learned.





2.3 Chair TC 4.5 – Janusz Bohatkiewicz

Dear members of the international road community,

I am pleased to invite you to the PIARC International Conference on Decarbonization of Roads 2025, taking place in May in Vienna. This conference will serve as a key platform for exchanging insights and innovations on decarbonizing road infrastructure and transport, with a particular focus on sustainable construction and maintenance practices.

As Chair of PIARC Technical Committee 4.5, I look forward to engaging with experts in discussing the latest advancements in reducing carbon emissions across the entire lifecycle of road projects. From the decarbonization of construction logistics to the use of innovative materials and technologies, our sessions will explore practical strategies that can help us meet ambitious net-zero goals.

For participants, this conference presents a unique opportunity not only to learn about cutting-edge solutions but also to actively contribute to shaping future best practices. The event will also enable you to connect with global leaders in the field, fostering collaboration and partnership for future projects.

I encourage you to join us in Vienna for what promises to be a highly valuable exchange of knowledge. Together, we can accelerate the transition towards a sustainable future for road infrastructure. Your participation will be crucial in shaping the solutions that will drive the decarbonization of our sector.





3 Program Overview and structure

3.1 Overview-Table

	Day 1 Wednesday, 7 May 2025	Day 2 Thursday, 8 May 2025	Day 3 Friday, 9 May 2025	
08:00 - 08:45	Registration, Welcome Coffee	Welcome Coffee		
09:00 - 10:30	Welcome, Opening Ceremony, Keynote	Session 4 Decarbonizing Road Construction		
10:30 - 11:00	Coffe	ee Break	Technical Visit National Park	
11:00 - 12:30	Session 1 Decarbonization in Road Policy and Planning	Session 5 Decarbonizing Road Maintenance		
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break		Neusiedler See	
14:00 - 15:30	Session 2 Technologies for Decarbonizing Road Transport	Session 6 Decarbonizing Road Operations: Harnessing Energy Production On and Along Roadways		
15:30 - 16:00				
16:00- 17:15/17:30	Panel Discussion 3 Incentives and Efficiency in Decarbonizing Infrastructure and Transport	Session 7 Closing Session	End of Technical Visit 16:00	
	End of Day 1	End of Day 2		
	17:15	17:30		
19:30	Conference Dinner			

*Each session will feature a Q&A-Part with the speakers enabling the audience to actively participate in the knowledge exchange.

3.2 Opening Ceremony & Keynote

Day 1 Wednesday, 7 May 2025 Opening Ceremony			
	Welcome by Moderator	Petra Mödlhammer	ASFINAG
	Welcome by First Delegate	Vera Hofbauer	Federal Ministry for Climate
			Action, Environment, Energy,
09:00 - 09:30			Mobility, Innovation
09.00 - 09.30			and Technology, Republic of
			Austria
	Welcome by ASFINAG CEO	Hartwig Hufnagl	ASFINAG
	Welcome by PIARC President	Emanuela Stocchi	PIARC
Keynotes			
	Welcome by Moderator	Patrick Mallejacq	PIARC
	Keynote Austrian Perspective	Alexander Walcher	PIARC Austria/ASFINAG
09:30 -10:30	Keynote STCoD	Fabio Pasquali	PIARC
	Keynote from 3.5	Jan Pettersson	PIARC TC 3.5
	Keynote from 4.5	Janusz Bohatkiewicz	PIARC TC 4.5



4 Technical Sessions

4.1 Session 1: Decarbonization in Road Policy and Planning

Date & Time: 7th May 2025 11:00 – 12:30

Venue: Austro Tower

- Examines how governments and organizations integrate decarbonization into transportation policies.
- Highlights innovative planning frameworks for achieving net-zero goals.
- Discusses cross-sector collaboration, economic incentives/penalties, and regulatory tools to drive decarbonization.
- Explores strategies to ensure social equity and compensation in the transition to sustainable road systems.

Chair	Alexander Walcher (Austria) Managing Director ASFINAG BMG and PIARC Austria President
Presentation 1.1	Decarbonizing Transportation in the US –Plans, Strategies, and Investments
Speaker:	Timothy Sexton (USA)
Presentation 1.2	Decarbonization Policies and Practices in China's Road Transport Sector
Speaker:	Junyi Zhang (China) Chair Professor at School of Transportation, Southeast University
Presentation 1.3	Austrian CEDR Presidency 2023: Green and smart logistics
Speaker:	Sabine Kühschelm (Austria) Head of Directorate Infrastructure Procedures and Road Safety at Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Republic of Austria
Presentation 1.4	Sustainable construction
Speaker:	Andreas Fromm (Austria) Managing Director ASFINAG BMG
Presentation 1.5	Infrastructure for Zero-Emission Road Users – Cooperative Approaches and International Interfaces
Speaker:	Katharina Seper & Simone Berg (Austria) Mobility transformation and E-mobility funding specialist at Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Republic of Austria (Seper) Head of Corporate Strategy at ASFINAG (Berg)



4.2 Session 2: Technologies for Decarbonizing Road Transport

Date & Time: 7th May 2025 14:00 – 15:30

Venue: Austro Tower

- Showcases emerging technologies aimed at reducing emissions in road transport.
- Focuses on electric vehicles, hydrogen fuel cells, and alternative fuels.
- Explores advancements in vehicle efficiency and smart mobility solutions.
- Considers approaches to managing and decarbonizing existing vehicle fleets.

Chair	Jan Pettersson (Sweden) Senior advisor Swedish Transport Administration
Presentation 2.1	ERS Technologies
Speaker:	Patrick Duprat (France) Competitiveness and R&D Director, Alstom
Presentation 2.2	The Case for a Pan-European Electric Road Network
Speaker:	Jakob Rogstadius (Sweden) Research Institutes of Sweden (RISE)
Presentation 2.3	Technologies for the measurement and inspection of road decarbonization initiatives within France
Speaker:	Bernard Jacob (France) University Gustave Eiffel
Presentation 2.4	Electric trucks: How many fast-charging locations are needed in Europe
Speaker:	Prof. Dr. Patrick Plötz (Germany) Head of Business Unit Energy Economics at Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI
Presentation 2.5	Contribution of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) to the decarbonization of the road sector
Speaker:	Martin Böhm (Austria) Technical Director at Austria Tech





4.3 Session 3: Incentives and Efficiency in Decarbonizing Infrastructure and Transport

oate & Time: 7th May 2025 16:00 – 17:1

Venue: Austro Tower

- Analyses funding mechanisms to accelerate decarbonization.
- Shares strategies for boosting efficiency in infrastructure development and transport systems.
- Reviews case studies of successful public-private partnerships and financing models.

Chair	Emanuela Stocchi (Italy) PIARC President and Director of International Affairs at AISCAT
Panelist:	Fabio Pasquali (Italy) PIARC Strategic Coordinator for Decarbonization
Panelist:	Young Tae Kim (France) Secretary General, International Transport Forum
Panelist:	Hans-Jürgen Salmhofer (Austria) Head of Department Austrian Section II – Mobility, Department II/1 – Mobility Transformation Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Republic of Austria
Panelist:	Marie Aasness (Norway) Norwegian Public Roads Administration
Panelist:	Dr. Mansi Desai (United Kingdom) Technical Director & Head of Sustainability at Pell Frischmann





4.4 Session 4: Decarbonizing Road Construction

	Date & Time: 8 th May 2025	09:00 -10:30		
	Venue: Austro Tower			
Description:				
	 Highlights low-carbon materials and construction techniques. Discusses life-cycle carbon assessments and carbon capture technologies. Focuses on innovation in design and procurement processes to reduce emissions. 			
	Chair	Prof. Dr. Christoph Walther (Germany) Senior Scientist, M-Five GmbH Mobility, Futures, Innovation, Economics and Bauhaus University Weimar		
	Presentation 4.1	ERS impact on road construction		
	Speaker:	Håkan Sundelin (Sweden) Regional Directro Nordic countries		
	Presentation 4.2	Presentation of the results of the global survey on decarbonization in road construction and operation		
	Speaker:	Jessica Souza (France) / Orazio Baglieri (Italy) VINCI Construction (Souza) Department of Environmental, Land and Infrastructure Engineering - Politecnico di Torino (Baglieri)		
	Presentation 4.3	How to encourage on a large-scale planners towards designing CO ₂ -reduced constructions?		
	Speaker:	Dr. Michael Kleiser (Austria) Bridge Expert at ASFINAG		
	Presentation 4.4	Assessing CO ₂ Storage Potential in Road Construction Materials Using the CO ₂ Reactor of the University of Applied Sciences FH Campus Wien		
	Speaker:	Markus Vill (Austria) University of Applied Sciences, FH Campus Wien		
	Presentation 4.5	Route Optimization and Innovative Approaches to Winter Services in Lower Austria		
	Speaker:	DI Stefan Höfler (Austria) Head of winterservices at Gouvernement of Lower Austria		



4.5 Session 5: Decarbonizing Road Maintenance

Date & Time: 8th May 2025 11:00 – 12:3

Venue: Austro Tower

- Explores strategies for reducing emissions during road maintenance activities.
- Examines the use of sustainable materials and recycling practices.
- Focuses on efficiency improvements in equipment and maintenance operations.

Chair	Jean-Claude Roffé (France) International Expert at Routes de France
Presentation 5.1	ERS impact on Road Maintenance
Speaker:	Lina Nordin (Sweden) Head of Division, Infrastructure Maintenance at VTI (Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute)
Presentation 5.2	The Eurobitume Life Cycle Assessment 4.0 for bitumen & Research Project "Decarbonized Infrastructures with Bitumen Emulsion Mixtures"
Speaker:	Brice Delaporte (France) Sustainability Lead at Eurobitume
Presentation 5.3	Analysis of Decarbon Technologies for Asphalt Pavement Maintenance Projects
Speaker:	Rongji Cao (China) Chief Engineer, JSTI Group
Presentation 5.4	Carbon Calculation Tools for Road Infrastructure: A Comparative Review of Scope, Application, and Methodology
Speaker:	Dr. Koji Negishi (France) & Dr. Mansi Desai (United Kingdom) LCA / CO ₂ expert & Regulation lead ORIS Materials Intelligence (Negishi) Technical Director & Head of Sustainability Pell Frischmann (Desai)
Presentation 5.5	Innovative Tools for Advancing Carbon Management in the French Road Industry
Speaker:	Pascal Rossigny & Anthony Suin (France) French Ministry for Transport (Rossigny) Civil Engineer, Mobility Department, Head of Urban Road Planning Department at Hauts-de-Seine Department (Suin)
Presentation 5.6	Holistic Sustainability Analysis of Pavement Constructions - The Transnational Research Project SABINA
Speaker:	Thomas Pohl (Switzerland) Head environmental consulting at Umtec Technologie AG





4.6 Session 6: Decarbonizing Road Operations: Harnessing Energy Production On and Along Roadways

Date & Time: 8 th May 2025 Venue: Austro Tower	14:00 – 15:30	
 Description: Discusses renewable energy solutions integrated into road networks. Explores energy capture and storage technologies along roadways. Focuses on leveraging road infrastructure for broader energy system benefits. 		
Chair	Dr. Henri Chua (United Kingdom) Director, IM Technologies Limited	
Presentation 6.1	Case studies on decarbonization of road equipment, from USA to Europe	
Speaker:	Ramon Hopkins (United States) Chief, Division of Construction at California Department of Transportation	
Presentation 6.2	Case studies on decarbonization of road equipment, from Asia to Australasia	
Speaker:	Sharon Atkins (New Zealand) Principal Environmental Specialist, New Zealand Transport Agency	
Presentation 6.3	Energy Production on and Among Roadways: Cases and Applications in China	
Speaker:	Zhuangzhuang Liu (China) Chang'an University	
Presentation 6.4	Access, innovation and trends on road equipment and producing plant to reduce carbon footprint	
Speaker:	Jean-Claude Roffé (France) International Expert at Routes de France	



4.7 Session 7: Closing Session

Date & Time: 8th May 2025 16

Venue: Austro Tower

- This session will wrap up key insights and actionable strategies from Conference sessions.
- Chairs will summarize lessons learned, innovative ideas, and practical benefits. An interactive segment will invite participants to reflect on takeaways and share perspectives.
- Closing remarks will highlight collaboration and commitment to progress.

Chair Session #1	Alexander Walcher (Austria)
Chair Session #2	Jan Pettersson (Sweden)
Chair Session #3	Emanuela Stocchi (Italy)
Chair Session #4	Prof. Dr. Christoph Walther (Germany)
Chair Session #5	Jean-Claude Roffé (France)
Chair Session #6	Dr. Henri Chua (United Kingdom)



5 Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner will take place on 7th of May 2025 at 7.30 PM in the <u>Austrian Parliament</u> in <u>Restaurant Kelsen</u> featuring a unique location in Vienna by invitation of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology. **Access to the dinner requires a special procedure to follow.**

After your confirmed registration to the conference, you will have to register your visit to the Restaurant in the parliament **separately** at

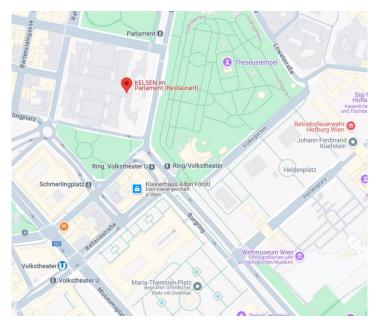
https://www.parlament.gv.at/en/services/access/registration/index.html

Regarding the date of the visit, enter **7th of May 2025** into the form. All visitors to the Parliament are requested to register their visit **5 business days in advance**. After registering your name, you **will be sent an individual QR code.** When you arrive, **please show this QR code together with your official photo ID at the entrance.**

If online registration is not possible in advance, access is also possible by scanning an official photo ID at the desk in the entrance area. Please note that this may result in longer waiting times. A security check will be conducted before your admittance to the Parliament Building.

In either case, **please bring your photo ID** with you when you visit the Parliament to join the official conference dinner. Also, please keep in mind that a coat check is mandatory. **No large bags, knives, metal objects etc. are allowed to bring in.** Limited storage facilities are available at the premises, but we strongly encourage you to travel as light as possible.

The address is **Dr. Karl Renner-Ring 3, 1017 Vienna** please use the subway line U3 to the parliament (Station Volkstheater, Exit Dr. Karl Renner-Ring). The visitor's entrance is in front of the building on Ringstrasse just behind the famous <u>fountain of Pallas Athene</u>. The ride takes about 10 minutes from ASFINAG Austro Tower to the parliament building. You can also check in to your hotel on your way. Please arrive between latest at 19.00 at the parliament to spare enough time for access and security checks. Dinner will begin at 19.30 and signs will guide you to the restaurant using the elevator to the top floor. Dress code: casual business.





6 Technical Visit

The **Neusiedler See - Seewinkel National Park** is located in eastern Austria, near the Hungarian border. It was established in 1993 and covers around 300 square kilometres of wetlands, salt marshes, reed beds and steppe landscapes. The national park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an important Ramsar wetland that is home to over 350 bird species. It is particularly well known for its birdwatching opportunities, unique flora and fauna and wide open landscapes.



Source: <u>https://nationalparkneusiedlersee.at/de/naturraum/neusiedler-see/</u> creator and copyright: <u>www.sebastianfreiler.com</u>

6.1 Program

- 08:00 Departure Schnirchgasse 17, 1030 Vienna (Austro Tower)
- 08:30 Tour of PV systems Schwechat
- 09:00 Onward journey to the National Park Centre
- 10:00 Arrival at the National Park Center parking lot (rangers will board)
- 10:15 Carriage ride through a section of the National Park one carriage is permitted for 30 people
- 12:30 Arrival at the Restaurant "Pusztascheune Illmitz"
- 13:00 Lunch
- 15:00 Return to Schnirchgasse 17, 1030 Vienna (Austro Tower)
- 16:00 Arrival Schnirchgasse 17, 1030 Vienna (Austro Tower)





Source: http://www.vinzenzhof-gangl.at/galerie/album/kutschenfahrten/

6.2 Organisational requirements

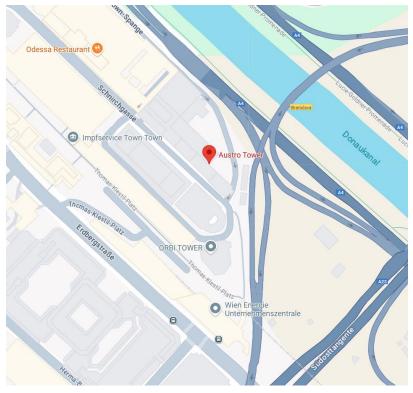
Make sure you have the right clothing for the weather.

This tour takes place outdoors, wear comfortable and sturdy shoes. Bring with you a hat, sun protection and a raincoat in case of adverse weather conditions.

6.3 Access

Please arrive 20 minutes ahead of departure at <u>Schnirchgasse 17, 1030</u> <u>Vienna (Austro Tower).</u>

We will leave for the Technical Visit **at 8.00 am sharp**, due to the strict schedule it is not possible to delay the departure.





7 Travel information and Access

7.1 Hotels

We recommend that you book hotel rooms as early as possible, as bookings can often be cancelled free of charge at short notice before arrival. Hotels near the Austro Tower are for example:

- Moxy Vienna City East (5 min by walk)
- Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier Wien (10 min by walk and U3 subway)
- Novotel Wien Hauptbahnhof (20 min by walk and U1-U3 subway)
- Hotel Mercure Wien Zentrum (20 min by walk and U3 subway)
- Novotel Wien City (25 min by walk and U3 subway)
- 25hours Hotel Wien MuseumsQuartier (25 min by walk and U3 subway)

7.2 Arrival information and Access to venue

The conference will take place in Vienna, the capital of Austria, in the centre of Europe. The location is in the 3rd district of Vienna, in the Austro Tower, the headquarters of ASFINAG. Thanks to its central location, the Austro Tower is easily accessible by public transport. Also, in terms of decarbonizing transport, we would like to encourage you to familiarize yourself with public or decarbonized travel options.









Getting there by Public Transport

The building is located next to the station "Erdberg" of the subway line U3. Take the exit "Thomas-Klestil-Platz" in direction to Schnirchgasse and walk for about 100 m.

Use the stairs or the elevator (1) to go up and then turn right (2).

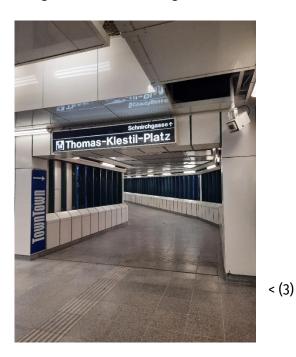




Then use the pedestrian tunnel (3), and at the end do not go left to Thomas-Klestil-Platz, but go straight ahead to Schnirchgasse (little letters above) (4).

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From the airport (VIE) to Austro Tower:

- Public transport: approx. 35 minutes, € 4,50 (single) more information and options: https://anachb.vor.at/
- City Airport Train: 30 minutes, € 14,90 (single) € 24,90 (return) more information: https://www.cityairporttrain.com/en/home

Take the train to the station "Wien Mitte/Landstraße". Follow the signposting system in the building and walk directly to the "Landstraße" subway station (line U3). Take the direction "Simmering" of line U3 – the 4th stop "Erdberg" will be reached after approx. 5 minutes. If you take the City Airport Train to Wien Mitte you need an additional ticket for the subway!



From the main railway station ('Hauptbahnhof Wien'):

The easiest way from the main railway station to the ASFINAG Head Office is to take the TRAM 18. Leave the tram at exit Baumgasse from where it is a less than 5 minutes' walk to our office.

Tickets can be purchased at the main railway station for € 2,40 (single) or € 8,00 (one day).

Public Transport Tickets

24, 48 or 72 hours VIENNA

"All you can ride" in one, two or three days. Travel freely and change as often as you like.

The ticket is valid on all public transport services in the core zone of Vienna.

- 24 hours € 8,00
- 48 hours € 14,10
- 72 hours € 17,10

Individual Transport Connection

Travelling to the Austro Tower by car is not recommended, as there are hardly any public parking options available.

Taxi: It takes about 15 minutes by taxi from the airport (VIE) and the price will be around € 40,-.



8 Registration information

The official registration for the first international PIARC conference 'Decarbonising the Road Sector' on Global Strategies for Infrastructure and Road 2025 is open. Following your obligatory preregistration at https://www.asfinag.at/PIARC-decarbo2025, you will receive an invitation email to complete the official registration. If you are planning to attend the conference in person, you need to register. If you cannot attend the conference, please let us know by using the corresponding link in the email provided. Important: participation is limited to a maximum of 180 persons, so remember to register at your earliest convenience. Pre-registrations will be checked regularly, and invitation emails will be continuously sent if places are available. If all places are taken, pre-registered participants will be placed on a waiting list.

Pre-Register NOW https://www.asfinag.at/PIARC-decarbo2025

- By registering for the event, you accept the terms of conditions regarding data storage as provided by ASFINAG.
- Please note that accommodation and transportation to the venues (except transportation during the technical visit) need to be organized by the participants themselves. Please follow the instructions provided within this announcement and in the registration re-confirmation E-Mail.
- Remember: you will be asked to re-confirm your registration in April 2025. Failing to confirm you registration about 3 weeks prior to the conference, your registration will be cancelled and given to others, as we will be presumably fully booked for the conference. We require this step to reduce "no-shows" and offer the chance to participate to as many guests as possible on site!
- Please note that this conference will be recorded. By registering, you agree to the recording and possible publication in the context of the event.
- If you need an invitation letter, please send an e-mail to <u>maria.kous@asfinag.at</u> with the following data: 1. full name of the participant, 2. name of organisation 3. company or institution and department, 4. function or job title, 5. postal address, 6. e-mail address.

9 Visa

For visa and travel information, please contact the Austrian embassy nearest to you. If you require a letter of invitation, please contact <u>maria.kous@asfinag.at</u>

Under the following link you will find detailed information regarding entering and staying in Austria. <u>https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/travel-stay/entrance-and-residence-in-austria/visa</u>

Please note the following steps for the visa process:

- 1. register for the conference at <u>https://www.asfinag.at/PIARC-decarbo2025</u>
- 2. you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing the data you have entered. This confirmation including data is required for the invitation letter.
- 3. please send an e-mail with the following data: 1. full name of the participant, 2. name of organisation 3. company or institution and department, 4. function or job title, 5. postal address, 6. e-mail address to <u>maria.kous@asfinag.at</u>



10 Invitation to the Austrian Transportation Day

Join the Austrian Transportation Day 2025!

Vienna Marriott Hotel, 6th of May 2025

The **National Transportation Day** is Austria's most important event dealing with traffic and transport infrastructure organized by Austria's **Austrian Research Association for Roads, Railways and Transport FSV** Forschungsgesellschaft Straße-Schiene-Verkehr, FSV) (<u>www.fsv.at</u>) which is closely related to the Austrian PIARC National Committee. The association creates those standards, guidelines and regulations used to plan, construct and operate





Austria's transportation infrastructure. The **National Transportation Day** takes place in Vienna annually and serves as primary forum for experts attended by a large number of transport sector decisionmakers, road engineers and road community members offering an ideal platform for both exchanging knowledge and networking.

The National Transportation Day features lectures from transport experts as well as presentations showing the latest advancements in road technology. The presentations are accompanied by an exhibition of suppliers of road equipment and infrastructure technology in the exclusive environment of the Austrian Mariott Hotel situated on the famous Ringstrasse circling the Inner City. The event is held in German language, but it will be a pleasure for the Austrian Research Association for Roads, Railways and Transport to welcome international guests to this event. All of our staff can speak English well and we will be happy to guide you through the event. If you're interested to visit the event please follow the <u>link</u> to the German website for registration or contact us by E-Mail. The participation of international guests is subject to a discounted fee of 145 Euro (incl. VAT) which includes a buffet lunch and coffee breaks. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact us at <u>office@fsv.at</u>

Don't miss this great opportunity to get in touch with the Austrian Road Community on 6th of May 2025 before moving onward to the **International PIARC Conference "Decarbonizing the Road Sector"** in Austro Tower which starts on the day after on 7th of May 2025!

Registration for the Austrian Transportation Day 2025 is possible under the following link: <u>https://www.fsv.at/veranstaltungen/seminardetail.aspx?IDTermin=bec276c8-9ff1-48e9-b28d-28589e7b5de6</u>



11 Organizers

11.1 PIARC

The World Road Association AIPCR/PIARC, Association mondiale de la Route, World Road Association, today known by the acronym PIARC, was founded in Paris in 1909 and is the oldest international association in the field of roads and transport. It is a non-political, professional and non-profit organisation whose members can be states, regional authorities, institutions, companies and interested individuals. The organisation currently has over 2,000 members in more than 140 countries around the world. 129 countries - like Austria - are official members of the organisation. In 2009, the World Road Association celebrated its 100th anniversary.

A central task of the World Road Association is the international exchange of experience at expert level. More than 20 international working groups (technical committees and task forces) have been set up for all sectors of the road and transport industry. Every four years, the association organises the World Road Congress, the International Congress on Winter Road Services and a series of seminars and conferences, provides numerous specialist publications, various tools and instruments on its website and publishes a quarterly magazine (Routes/Roads).

Incidentally, the abbreviation PIARC stands for 'Permanent International Association of Road Congresses' and thus refers to the original and still valid purpose of the association, namely the organisation of world road congresses at which the results of international cooperation are presented and exchanged under the patronage and presence of the department heads responsible for road transport. Since 1908, 27 World Road Congresses have been held, including one in Austria, in Vienna in 1979.

www.piarc.org

11.2 PIARC AUSTRIA

The Austrian National Committee of the World Road Association was founded at the occasion of the World Road Congress in Vienna in the year 1973. The Austrian "Forschungsgemeinschaft Strasse – Schiene – Verkehr" (Research Association for Road, Rail and Transport) provides the secretariat for the Austrian National Committee of PIARC. The National Committees major tasks are to support Austria's First Delegate and the Austrian members in the Technical Committees as well as to provide the exchange of road research related information between national and international level.

Since 2022 Austria's official representative at the World Road Organisation is Mrs. Vera Hofbauer MSc from the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology. Together with the National Committee's president and the secretary general he represents Austria in the Council of PIARC. From 2004 to 2012 the Honorary President of the Austrian National Committee Mr. Zotter also served as the representative of all National Committees to the Executive Committee. In 2020 Mr. Alexander Walcher has been elected new president of the Austrian National Committee. In 2024 Mr. Walcher was elected Vice-President of PIARC by its council.

www.piarc.at



11.3 ASFINAG

We are your reliable partner on Austria's motorways and expressways. ASFINAG was founded in 1982 and is a company owned by the state. Our tasks: We plan, fund, build, maintain, operate and collect toll along almost 2,249 kilometres of motorways and expressways.

Transport links are lifelines – for the economy and for people alike. They are essential for economic supply, for jobs, but also for commuters and tourism.

The ASFINAG system is considered a best-practice example in Europe. After all: ASFINAG funds all expenses – from new roads to functioning winter services to clean service areas – solely with its own resources. Toll revenues are directly reinvested into our infrastructure – ensuring even higher safety. In short: We don't receive subsidies from the state budget.

Our vision 2030

"As a reliable, innovative and sustainable mobility partner, we connect regions and people in the heart of Europe."

Our mission

Together with our partners, we are ensuring mobility for generations to come. With forward-looking, sustainable and innovative solutions, we represent part of Austria's major shift in mobility.

We invest in the quality of our network, constantly developing it both ecologically and economically with Austria's overall mobility system in mind.

As a competent road operator, we offer our customers safe and efficient motorways and expressways.

With our modern toll products & digital information services, we are a customer-oriented service provider.

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11.4 Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

The Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK) houses a wide range of important and promising subject areas, all of which are indispensable for Austria and its citizens in their everyday lives.

Not only does the BMK set the course for a sustainable and climate-friendly policy and economy, it also regulates and manages transport on Austria's roads by land, air, water and rail, ensures energy supply, promotes research and the provision of innovative technologies "Made in Austria" and implements the mobility of the future today.

www.bmk.gv.at/en/

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