



Declaration of Intent

Between TISPOL, ECR and IRU

A Public/Private Partnership for Better Regulatory Compliance, Greater Road Safety and Security as well as a Business Friendly Operating Environment for Commercial Road Transport

Signed between the European Traffic Police Network (TISPOL) and Euro Contrôle Route (ECR) as representatives of the EU enforcement communities and the international Road Transport Union (IRU), the worldwide organization for road transport, hereinafter called “The Parties”.

Considering that:

- The Parties see the need to join forces and work together to establish a common EU enforcement environment to complement the common regulatory framework for road transport in the EU. The current fragmentation of the EU into country-specific, or even regional, enforcement areas to some extent undermines the efficient functioning of the EU regulatory framework and market, the achievement of fair competition and road safety objectives, while also imposing damaging or unnecessary costs on enforcement authorities and operators.
- By working together, the Parties can effectively contribute to improve standards of regulatory compliance, enhanced road safety, more efficient and new contemporary ways of controls / supervision and a better operating environment for both enforcement officers and commercial transport operators and drivers.
- The Parties see the need to encourage the creation of a progressive and cooperative enforcement culture across Europe that seeks to improve efficiency of controls and the industry’s regulatory compliance through new and alternative ways of enforcement / supervision and preventative measures such as compliance review, education and incentives, as well as sanctions, whenever justified.
- As such, there is a need to develop constructive dialogue between the enforcement bodies and operators at all levels. Such dialogue should be founded on the principle that both parties have a joint stake in improving the efficiency of controls and that regular consultation, institutionalised dialogue and joint initiatives are needed to ensure the achievement of these goals.

The Parties as such decided to conclude the present declaration of intent, focusing on the following priority areas:

- Work together for improved, simplified, fair, applicable and enforceable legislation as well as towards common approaches, harmonised legal interpretations, efficient enforcement procedures, training and education.
- Annually, based on the priority areas mentioned, the Parties decide on an agreed work plan for the coming year, starting with the work plan for 2011. The results of the work plan are evaluated at the annual ECR-TISPOL and IRU meeting.

The intention:

Taking into account everyone's tasks and leaving the ensuing responsibilities intact, the Parties declare themselves willing to enter into a suitable cooperation as foreseen in the present declaration.

The Parties in the present cooperation will evaluate the way in which the present arrangements has worked in practice at regular intervals, but at least during the annual TISPOL-ECR and IRU meeting.

This document enters into force from upon the date of signature and will be reviewed three years after the signing date or sooner if considered necessary by either Party.

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The TISPOL Organisation has been established by the traffic police forces of Europe in order to improve road safety and law enforcement on the roads of Europe. The main priority is to reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Europe's roads. The enforcement of traffic law and education, where appropriate, will make a significant contribution to reducing the carnage on our roads. (Members: <https://www.tispol.org/about/tispol-council/tispol-council>)

Euro Contrôle Route (ECR) is a group of European road control services, which collaborate to improve the quality of enforcement so as to improve road safety and the compliance to road transport regulations and to promote fair competition. The fundament of the ECR cooperation is the Ministerial Administrative Arrangement of 1999, revised in 2007. (Members: <http://www.euro-contrôle-route.eu/site/en/about/organisation/members/>)

The IRU, through its national associations (180 in 74 countries), represents the entire road transport industry world-wide. It speaks for the operators of coaches, taxis and trucks, from large transport fleets to driver-owners. In all international bodies that make decisions affecting road transport, the IRU acts as the industry's advocate. By working for the highest professional standards, the IRU improves the safety and security record as well as environmental performance of road transport and ensures the mobility of people and goods. (Members: http://www.iru.org/index/en_iru_membership)