



Shaping the future  
of road transport

Making road transport fair,  
competitive and responsible.

## **IRU is the world's road transport association**

IRU is partnering with new members in ever more countries. We are currently spread across five continents and are present in every world region, driving the sustainable mobility of people and goods within and beyond the sector.

Integrating public responsibility with the interests of business, our mission is to find and implement the solutions to tomorrow's transport challenges. We provide guidance on policy, research into and implementation of new technologies, digitalisation of services and strategies to minimise the industry's carbon footprint.

Together with our global network of members, we are able to provide leadership – bringing flexibility and an entrepreneurial spirit to the regulatory drawing board, offering the industry a stronger, more equitable platform for change.



## Policy and advocacy input

Active members are non-profit organisations that operate at a national level in one of these sectors:

- professional transport of passengers
- transport of goods for hire and reward
- transport of goods on own account

Or they can represent specific sectors within these industries, like taxis or transport of live animals.

Our Active members can be part of the IRU Goods Transport Council (CTM), and/or the IRU Passenger Transport Council (CTP), and/or the Taxi Group (TA).

Active members can:

- nominate and vote for candidates in all IRU elections
- be part of regional and liaison committees, commissions, and groups of experts
- view and actively contribute to any policy documents from the groups in which they participate

## Network, knowledge and opportunities

Associate membership is open to any organisation involved in road transport – directly or indirectly, national or international, profit-making or non-profit.

Associate members cannot nominate or vote for candidates for IRU elections. But they can be part of commissions and groups of experts, upon special request to the Presidential Executive. They can view and actively contribute to any policy documents from the groups they are involved in.

## Knowledge

We work with members to set international standards, and to establish state-of-the-art campaigns and innovations, often in collaboration with the world's leading thinkers, practitioners, international organisations and policy makers.

Shared knowledge and training is provided through IRU Academy, which builds professional training capacity worldwide. With an international network of Associate Training Institutes, the IRU Academy certifies thousands of drivers and transport operators every year.

IRU Academy develops campaign initiatives to raise awareness on certain issues, and train-the-trainer programmes to increase overall training capacity. Raising global standards of professionalism improves efficiency, safety, sustainability and accountability across the industry.

IRU also invests in research initiatives and provides the industry with toolkits, guidelines and reports, which inform and offer practical as well as strategic guidance on a wide range of issues impacting the sector.

“IRU allows us to gain knowledge and share experiences.”

**Daniel Indart**  
FADEEAC, Argentina

## Network

We bring members together around the same table and connect them to the world of road transport – the people, the ideas and the opportunities.

Being part of IRU is about actively shaping the future of the industry. We operate in over 100 countries, across all five continents. We work with businesses, industry experts, CEOs, politicians, researchers and everyone else involved in road transport – at regional, national or global level. Once members join the network, they can find new clients to expand their businesses, new partners to work with and new ideas to explore.

IRU holds events that bring members together to exchange ideas. We regularly organise topical events or event series aimed at our members, the industry, policy makers and the media, ranging from workshops and roundtables to expert fora or international conferences. Bi-annual statutory meetings offer members the chance to impact policy decisions and become involved in driving change for the industry.

“We need to promote a collective spirit, because together we can find solutions.”

**Florence Berthelot**  
FNTR, France





## Advocacy

IRU's work in advocacy is focused on economy, safety, community and the environment. The aim is to drive forward critical solutions to help the world move better. We represent the interests of the road transport industry with leading international organisations, such as the United Nations, World Bank, World Customs Organization, governments and policy-influencers to achieve change.

Members can be a part of this with direct input at regular working parties and committees as well as projects, campaigns and events held throughout the year. Together with our members and their contacts on the ground, we bring the messages of the industry to the national and international level.

“IRU unites us. Together we are stronger and our voice is heard.”

**Lauri Lusti**  
**ERAA, Estonia**

## Services

IRU works at the cutting edge of innovation, driving new ideas and research with our partners, and developing services for road transport operators.

IRU services include: TIR, the world's customs transit system; initiatives to promote global trade and the efficient movement of goods; passenger mobility, including buses, coaches and taxis; and innovation initiatives which are taking road transport into the future, such as the digitalisation of logistics operations, the Commercial Vehicle of the Future and the UpTop global taxi network.

Members benefit from the use of and direct access to information about these services. We encourage new members to work with us to respond to changing demands for the industry.

“IRU is a tremendous catalyst for innovation and mobility”

**Frank Felton**  
**PTV Group, Germany**

<b>Members' rights</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Associate</b>
Automatic admission to General Assembly	✓	✓
Right to attend IRU congresses and conferences	✓	✓
Automatic admission to Passenger Transport Council, Goods Transport Council and Taxi and Hire-cars with drivers Group	✓	Two-year grace period for new members if they meet all conditions of active membership
Automatic admission to Regional Committee, Liaison Committee, Commissions and Groups of Experts	✓	Authorisation to be requested from Presidential Executive annually
Receive all documents concerning the bodies in which you take part	✓	✓
Receive list of decisions of all IRU bodies whether or not you take part	✓	✓
Right to vote	✓	×
Right to nominate candidates	✓	×

IRU works together with a worldwide community of members as well as governments and international organisations, to help people and goods move better.

IRU ensures that the road transport industry has a strong voice, a global resonance and a coherent message.

We help members to achieve their most ambitious goals and we work to make the sector fair, competitive and responsible.

Join us in shaping the future of our industry.

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IRU's role is more crucial now than ever before. Our members and their members are at the heart of a rapidly changing industry.

We need to embrace this change and continue leading transformation by standing up for transport networks that are accessible, efficient, adaptable, reasonably priced, innovative and interconnected.

We can only be successful by working together and we are already setting the foundation for future growth with new members and new innovative services in more and more countries worldwide.

I look forward to shaping the future of the industry with you and to making a difference in how we move people and goods, helping the world get where it needs to be.

**Umberto de Pretto**  
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