

**Letter of intent**  
**on the establishment of the Visegrad Road Association**

**Preamble**

In order to develop mutual relations in the field of road construction based on the rich experience of cooperation in the Visegrad region, it is decided to establish official cooperation between the PIARC National Committees of Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Hungary.

The close cooperation of the governments of the Visegrad Group countries, aiming at the development of roads and transport in the region, is a model for establishing such relations.

The parties agree to this Agreement and confirm their willingness to join the association that shall be created.

The mission of the Visegrad Road Association will be to promote development in the road and transport sector through the cooperation of professionals from Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Hungary.

Signing a Letter of Intent will create a partnership relationship based on the principles of equal rights and full confidence in cooperation.

The parties, acting simultaneously as National Committees of PIARC (World Road Association), will strengthen the implementation and deployment of the Association's strategy thanks to close cooperation.

The aim of the cooperation shall be to exchange information and knowledge in the areas under the jurisdiction of the Parties. It also provides a framework for capacity building for joint development programmes and projects of common interest.

**Article 1 - Forms of cooperation**

The Parties will be committed to promoting and intensifying their mutual relations in the exchange of experience and knowledge.

Cooperation may consist of:

A/ exchange of scientific and technical information, documentation and reports on scientific and technical research;

B/ mutual consultations;

C/ mutual technical visits;

D/ congress, conferences seminars and workshops;

E/ organization of thematic events and meetings;

F/ conducting joint research projects in the road sector.

The Parties shall assist in creating favorable conditions for the preparation, negotiation and implementation of any activities under this Letter of Intent.

The selection of projects and the methods and means of implementing the cooperation will be agreed on a case-by-case basis in a separate agreement.

**Article 2 - Costs associated with the cooperation**

Unless otherwise agreed, the costs of individual cooperative activities shall be mutually determined on a case-by-case basis.

### **Article 3 - Amendments and Settlement of Disputes**

Any changes to the arrangements within the scope of this Letter of Intent shall require the written consent of the parties.

Any dispute arising out of the implementation or interpretation of this Letter of Intent shall be settled by consultation between the parties.

### **Article 4 - Status of and relations between the Parties**

The Parties recognize that this Letter of Intent constitutes a confirmation of their good faith and intent, is not a civil law contract and does not entail any legal, financial or other obligation or consequence for the Parties, except for the obligation not to disclose confidential information as set out in Article 5 of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall be without prejudice to the rights and obligations of the parties under other agreements in which the parties are participants and shall not affect the interests of third parties.

The parties will be required to meet at least once a year to review their cooperation and to participate in the events they organize.

During the next meeting, the parties will undertake work on the development of a possible statute of the association defining the formal side of its functioning.

In creation of Visegrad Road Association shall be involved Road Associations from all four countries.

### **Article 5 - Confidentiality**

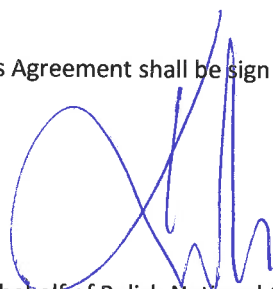
Each Party undertakes not to disclose or in any way transmit to third parties confidential information obtained in the course of implementing the Agreement.

If there is a risk of disclosure of confidential information and if it has been disclosed, the Parties undertake to immediately notify each other of this fact, to take all possible measures to prevent further dissemination of such information, as well as to limit the adverse consequences of such disclosure.

Neither Party should permit the dissemination of any information which damages the reputation and commercial interests of the other Party.

### **Article 6 - Other provisions**

This Agreement shall be signed in four copies in the English language, one for each Party.



On behalf of Polish National Committee



On behalf of Czech National Committee



On behalf of Slovak National Committee



On behalf of Hungarian National Committee