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Dear CITA Members,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Road safety has been one of the great success stories of global policy for decades.

Thanks to a wide range of measures, it has been possible to significantly reduce the number of road fatalities and seriously injured road users.

It´s therefore all the more surprising that one of the key instruments for ensuring road safety, Periodic Technical Inspection, is increasingly coming under pressure.

More and more, its benefits are being called into question. Discussions increasingly focus on whether inspection requirements should be reduced, inspection intervals extended, or certain checks abolished altogether. These proposals are often presented under the banner of “deregulation”, “reducing bureaucracy” or “relieving the burdens on citizens”.
This is precisely why facts are more important than ever.

Against this background, DEKRA and TÜV-Verband commissioned the University of Dresden to conduct a comprehensive study on the contribution of PTI to road safety in Germany. This study analyses available accident and vehicle data and highlights the relationship between vehicle defects and the occurrence of accidents.

Its findings clearly demonstrate that PTI makes a substantial contribution to accident prevention by identifying technical defects before they develop into safety-critical incidents. You can find this very interesting study on the CITA webpage.

In addition, CITA was involved in numerous activities and events for our members around the world.

In Asia, KOTSA hosted the RAG Asia/Australasia Conference in Daejeon, Korea, where participants gained insights into state-of-the-art inspection technologies, among other topics.

In Latin America, CITA contributed to the Ibero-American Safe Mobility Index to promote effective vehicle inspection systems.

In Africa, CITA was pleased to sign a Manifest of Understanding with the African Association of Road Safety Leading Agencies (AARSLA), establishing a framework for closer cooperation in support of road safety and sustainable mobility across Africa.

In Europe, the revision of the EU Roadworthiness Package is one of the most significant legislative developments currently affecting our sector. CITA is closely following the process and supporting the ongoing negotiations wherever possible.

The Irish presidency aims to finalize the new PTI-Directive by the end of the year.

Looking ahead, I would particularly like to draw your attention to our major international event in 2027: the CITA International Conference and 26th GA – Cape Town, 4 – 6 May 2027

This will be a key opportunity for the global CITA community to come together, exchange knowledge and experience, discuss the major developments shaping our sector, and strengthen international cooperation. I strongly encourage you to save the date and join us in Cape Town.

You will find comprehensive details about all CITA activities, next events – and much more - in this newsletter.

As always - I hope you enjoy reading the CITA NewsRelease - October 2026!

Gerhard MÜLLER,
CITA PRESIDENT

RAG EUROPE CONFERENCE

20 - 21 October 2026 / Vilnius, Lithuania

Hosted by CARVERTICAL and TRANSEKSTA

The CITA RAG Europe Conference 2026 brought CITA Members together in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 20–21 October for two days of technical discussions, regulatory updates and knowledge exchange.

Hosted by carVertical and TRANSEKSTA, the event highlighted key developments across CITA's five Topic Areas and their Task Forces, addressing current challenges and future priorities for vehicle inspection in Europe.

The programme covered a broad range of subjects:

- External Affairs (TA C): Revision of the EU Roadworthiness Package, market transparency and access to vehicle data.
- Environmental Protection Systems (TA D): Remote sensing, NOx measurement methodologies and particle number (PN) testing.
- Optimising Current Vehicle Compliance (TA B): Vehicle recalls, shock absorber testing, cross-border inspections, motorcycle testing and Task Force updates.
- Quality, Training & Confidence (TA E): Vehicle defect analysis, PTI supervision, accreditation and quality assurance.
- R&D Vehicle Compliance (TA A): Vehicle data exchange, ADAS inspection, artificial intelligence and electric vehicle developments.

The conference concluded with a technical visit to a TRANSEKSTA inspection facility, offering participants practical insights into vehicle inspection procedures.

CITA warmly thanks carVertical and TRANSEKSTA for their hospitality and support, as well as all speakers, Topic Area and Task Force representatives, and participating Members for their valuable contributions.









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RAG ASIA AUSTRALASIA CONFERENCE

17 - 18 June 2026 / Daejeon, South Korea

Hosted by KOTSA

The CITA RAG Asia-Australasia Conference 2026 took place in Daejeon, Republic of Korea, from 16 to 18 June, hosted by the Korea Transportation Safety Authority (KOTSA) under the theme "***Beyond the Step: Realizing Intelligent & Sustainable Mobility***."

The event brought together international experts, government representatives and industry stakeholders to discuss the future of vehicle inspection in an increasingly connected, automated and electrified mobility environment.

Key topics included electronic periodic technical inspection (e-PTI), autonomous driving, cybersecurity, electric vehicle battery safety, ADAS inspection, data management and inspector training.

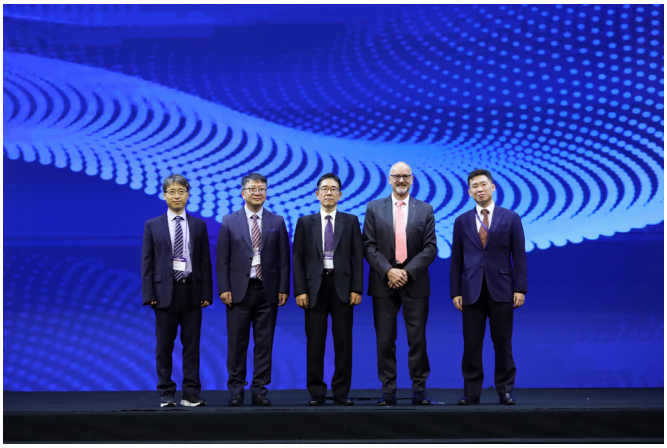
CITA representatives Eduard Fernandez and Olivier Pletinckx contributed with a presentation on the latest developments in ADAS inspection assessment.

The conference also included a technical visit to the Sejong Vehicle Inspection Center, featuring demonstrations of advanced ADAS inspection technologies and electric vehicle inspection procedures.

The event reinforced the importance of international cooperation and the evolving role of vehicle inspection in ensuring safe, sustainable and intelligent mobility.

CITA extends its thanks to KOTSA, all speakers and participants for their valuable contributions.









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CITA AND AARSLA JOIN FORCES *FOR ROAD SAFETY IN AFRICA*

AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF ROAD SAFETY LEAD AGENCIES

CITA is pleased to announce the signing of a Manifest of Understanding with the African Association of Road Safety Leading Agencies (AARSLA), establishing a framework for closer cooperation in support of road safety and sustainable mobility across Africa.

The agreement reflects the shared objectives of CITA and AARSLA and their commitment to strengthening collaboration, exchanging knowledge and promoting good practices among their respective members.

Africa continues to face major road safety challenges. Although the continent accounts for only around 4% of the world's vehicles, it represents nearly 20% of global road traffic deaths. Against this background, road safety agencies from across Africa came together to establish AARSLA and create a coordinated platform for action.

The initiative emerged from discussions at continental road safety forums, where national agencies recognized the value of closer cooperation and knowledge exchange. In June 2025, delegates from more than 20 African countries gathered in Lusaka, Zambia, for AARSLA's inaugural assembly, formally launching the association. The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) of Nigeria was appointed as its founding secretariat.

AARSLA's objectives include strengthening cooperation among African road safety lead agencies, facilitating the exchange of experience and information, supporting institutional capacity development, promoting good practices in road safety governance and advancing an African agenda for road safety and sustainable mobility.

Through the Manifest of Understanding, CITA and AARSLA will cooperate through the exchange of information, programmes, publications, best practices and standards. The two organisations also intend to facilitate participation in each other's congresses, seminars and workshops, promote their respective activities and strengthen contacts between their staff and members.

Where appropriate, the partnership also provides for collaborative research, joint working groups and other joint initiatives on topics of mutual interest. The Manifest foresees at least two coordination meetings per year to maintain an active dialogue and identify opportunities for concrete cooperation.

For CITA, the partnership provides an important opportunity to contribute its international expertise in vehicle compliance and inspection while learning from the experience and priorities of African road safety authorities. CITA's activities cover the entire vehicle lifecycle and include the exchange of best practices, development of recommendations and international standards, research, training and capacity building related to vehicle compliance and inspection.

The MoU was signed by Lateef Ramoni, Head of Secretariat/Focal Person of AARSLA, on 3 August 2026, and by Ferose Oaten, President of CITA's RAG Africa and Vice President of CITA, and Gerhard Müller, President of CITA, on 11 August 2026.

This new partnership reinforces CITA's commitment to international cooperation and to supporting effective vehicle compliance systems as an essential component of safer and more sustainable road transport. By connecting CITA's global vehicle inspection and compliance community with AARSLA's network of African road safety agencies, the two organisations aim to facilitate the exchange of expertise, strengthen institutional cooperation and contribute to safer mobility across the African continent.

>>> **AARSLA WEBSITE**

ADVANCING ADAS TESTING FOR PTI

CITA ADAS Task Force meeting

Hosted by DEKRA

On 30 September and 1 October 2026, the CITA ADAS Task Force met at the DEKRA Technology Center in Klettwitz, Germany, to continue its work on practical approaches for assessing Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) during PTI.

The meeting focused on developing reliable, practical and economically viable ADAS testing methods that could be integrated into existing and future PTI frameworks.

Participants discussed several testing concepts, including static radar testing to identify sensor misalignment, signal attenuation and changes in radar patterns, as well as dynamic and vehicle-in-the-loop approaches to assess the actual behaviour of ADAS functions under controlled conditions.

Particular attention was given to the limitations of vehicle self-diagnostic systems. While onboard diagnostics can identify certain faults, degradation affecting sensors or ADAS performance may not always generate a stored diagnostic fault. This highlights the need for complementary inspection methods capable of verifying the effective performance of safety-related systems.

The Task Force also discussed the importance of suitable reference data, repeatability, measurement uncertainty and meaningful pass/fail criteria. Practical aspects such as testing time, equipment costs, required space and integration into existing inspection stations were also considered.

The meeting confirmed that further validation, field data and improved access to vehicle information will be necessary before common inspection approaches can be established. Greater alignment between type approval and PTI requirements throughout the vehicle lifecycle will also be essential.

The CITA ADAS Task Force will continue working with its members and technical experts to develop practical, repeatable and proportionate inspection methods for ADAS-equipped vehicles.

CITA sincerely thanks all participants for their valuable contributions and constructive discussions, and especially DEKRA for its excellent hospitality, for hosting the meeting at the DEKRA Technology Center, and for supporting the technical demonstrations.



CITA TASK FORCE ON LIGHTING DEVICES AND REFLECTORS MET IN GERMANY

Hosted by MAHA

Kempten, Germany – 16 July 2026. CITA's Task Force on Lighting Devices and Reflectors (TF LDR) met on 16 July 2026 at the MAHA facilities in Kempten, the oldest city in Germany, to advance work on the inspection of vehicle lighting systems and headlamp aiming.

The meeting focused on preparing a live demonstration that will be presented during the forthcoming UNECE GRE sessions, illustrating the practical challenges faced by PTI organisations when assessing modern headlamp alignment. As vehicle lighting technologies continue to evolve, the task force highlighted the increasing importance of ensuring that inspection procedures remain effective in real-world conditions.

A key topic of discussion was the difference between the controlled conditions under which lighting systems are approved during vehicle type approval and the conditions encountered during routine inspections throughout a vehicle's lifetime.

TF members exchanged technical expertise and practical experience to demonstrate why PTI procedures must adequately reflect the realities of vehicles in service in order to maintain road safety and minimise glare for other road users.

The meeting also contributed to the ongoing discussions within UNECE WP.29, particularly the work carried out under GRE on glare prevention. By providing practical inspection perspectives and technical evidence, CITA continues to support the development of regulations that are both technically robust and applicable throughout the entire life cycle of vehicles.

CITA sincerely thanks MAHA for hosting the meeting and for its generous hospitality.









CITA HIGHLIGHTS HEADLAMP AIMING CHALLENGES AT UNECE GRE

Geneva, 22 October 2026 / CITA carried out a live demonstration of headlamp aiming during the 95th session of the UNECE Working Party on Lighting and Light-Signalling (GRE), held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The demonstration aimed to highlight the practical limitations of headlamp aiming measurements and the need to reconsider existing assessment criteria to better reflect real-world conditions.

Correct headlamp alignment is essential for road safety, ensuring adequate visibility for drivers while minimizing glare for other road users.

However, assessing headlamp alignment during PTI presents practical challenges. The demonstration provided GRE experts with an opportunity to observe these limitations in a real inspection setting, using a vehicle and headlamp testing equipment. The main objective was to demonstrate why headlamp aiming criteria should be reconsidered to account for the practical limitations encountered during inspections.

Through this initiative, CITA sought to contribute practical inspection experience to international regulatory discussions, supporting requirements that are both technically justified and realistically applicable throughout the vehicle's service life.

CITA would like to express its sincere appreciation to everyone who made this demonstration possible: Dietmar Fink (MAHA) for providing the headlamp testing equipment; Peter Ondrejka (TESTEK) for leading the CITA Task Force on Lights and Reflective Devices and coordinating the demonstration; Hervé Wicky (Hella Gutmann) for supporting the demonstration; Benjamin Borlat (Service des Automobiles et de la Navigation, Vaud, Switzerland) for facilitating local coordination; Pierre-André Keller (Garage Keller) for providing the vehicle, and the UNECE GRE Secretariat for its valuable support.

Their contributions enabled CITA to bring practical inspection experience directly into the international regulatory discussion.

CITA remains committed to ensuring that vehicle regulations take into account real-world inspection conditions, helping to maintain vehicle safety throughout their operational life.







CITA CONTRIBUTES TO THE CREATION OF THE FIRST IBERO-AMERICAN SAFE MOBILITY INDEX



CITA has contributed to the development of the Ibero-American Safe Mobility Index (IIMS), an initiative coordinated by Fundación MAPFRE to assess and improve road safety across Ibero-America.

The report, “Recovering Hope: A New Narrative and the Ibero-American Safe Mobility Index”, brings together international road safety experts, including Eduard Fernández, CITA Executive Director, who contributed expertise in vehicle safety and roadworthiness.

Inspired by the Human Development Index, the IIMS evaluates key aspects of safe mobility, including road fatalities, legislation, driver training, vehicle safety, infrastructure and post-crash care. It aims to help countries identify priorities and implement evidence-based road safety policies.

CITA’s participation reinforces the importance of vehicle safety standards and periodic technical inspections in maintaining roadworthiness throughout a vehicle’s life.

The initiative represents an important step towards stronger regional cooperation and measurable improvements in road safety.

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ROAD SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMME IN DJIBOUTI

CITA participated in the Road Safety Management and Road Resilience Training Programme, held in Djibouti from 20 to 23 September 2026, contributing its expertise in vehicle inspection and road safety.

Organised with the support of the World Bank Group and international road safety partners, the programme aimed to strengthen local capacities in road safety management, infrastructure resilience and safer vehicles.

On 21 September, CITA Executive Director Eduard Fernández contributed remotely to the “Safer Vehicles” module, presenting the CITA AVIS methodology for assessing vehicle inspection systems and discussing their financial sustainability.

His intervention emphasised the importance of government responsibility, effective governance and adequate supervision, alongside flexible inspection systems adapted to local conditions and resources.

CITA’s participation reaffirmed its commitment to supporting sustainable vehicle inspection systems and improving road safety worldwide.



THE EREG & EUCARIS ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE 2026



CITA participated in the joint EReg & EUCARIS Annual Meeting & Conference 2026, held from 1 to 4 June in Paris, bringing together European experts, policymakers, registration authorities, and industry stakeholders.

Representing CITA, Executive Director Eduard Fernández delivered a presentation entitled “Road Safety Ecosystem” during the “Vehicles and Data” session on 4 June. His contribution highlighted the importance of data-driven approaches to road safety and collaboration among stakeholders throughout the vehicle lifecycle.

The conference provided a valuable platform for exchanging knowledge and discussing key developments in digitalisation, vehicle data governance, interoperability, and future mobility services.

CITA welcomed the opportunity to strengthen cooperation with European partners and reaffirmed its commitment to supporting initiatives that enhance road safety, improve information exchange, and contribute to a safer and more sustainable transport system.

CITA HIGHLIGHTS VEHICLE ROADWORTHINESS AND DATA AT EBRD ROAD SAFETY EVENT

On 16 September 2026, CITA participated in the event “Ensuring Safe and Sustainable Vehicles in EBRD Countries”, organised by Global NCAP and EASST at the EBRD headquarters in London.

Representing CITA online, Executive Director Eduard Fernández delivered a presentation on “Vehicle Roadworthiness and the Role of Data”, highlighting the importance of vehicle safety throughout the entire lifecycle. He emphasised the essential role of PTI in maintaining vehicle safety and environmental performance, supported by evidence from several countries.

A key focus was the importance of reliable crash investigation data. Research presented showed that in-depth investigations identify significantly more vehicle defects than standard crash analyses, underlining the risk of underestimating technical defects as contributing factors in accidents.

CITA reinforced the need to integrate vehicle roadworthiness and reliable data into evidence-based road safety policies and sustainable mobility strategies.



>>> CITA Webinars

UNDERSTANDING THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS



On 3 July 2026, CITA hosted an exclusive members' webinar exploring the international and European regulatory frameworks governing vehicle legislation and roadworthiness.

Moderated by Eduard Fernández, CITA Executive Director, and Alejandro Checa, CITA Technical Director, the session provided insights into how vehicle regulations are developed and implemented.

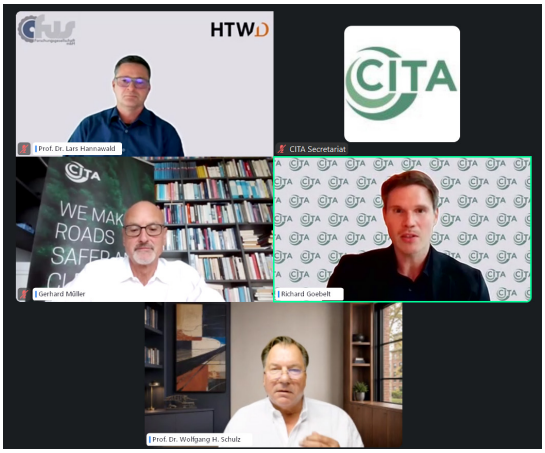
Alejandro Checa presented the UNECE framework, focusing on WP.29, its working groups, and the three key international agreements of 1958, 1997 and 1998, which underpin vehicle type approval, PTI and global regulatory harmonisation.

Eduard Fernández then explained the EU legislative framework, covering the roles of European institutions, legislative procedures and different legal instruments. Practical resources for monitoring and contributing to EU legislation were also introduced.

The webinar highlighted the importance of international cooperation in shaping vehicle safety, environmental standards and roadworthiness requirements.

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NEW EVIDENCE ON THE LIFE-SAVING VALUE OF PTI



On 9 September 2026, CITA hosted the webinar "New Evidence on the Life-Saving Value of PTI", presenting new research on the contribution of periodic technical inspection to road safety and its economic benefits.

Prof. Dr. Lars Hannawald (AFUS) presented findings showing that technical defects increase significantly with vehicle age. Based on accident investigations, 6.4% of analysed vehicles had accident-relevant technical defects.

The study also indicated that introducing annual PTI for vehicles over ten years old could reduce injury accidents in Germany by 1.4% to 6.3% by 2035.

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang H. Schulz (Zeppelin University) presented an economic assessment showing a benefit-cost ratio of 1.86, representing an estimated EUR 10.4 billion in net social benefits from annual inspections of older vehicles.

The findings reinforce PTI's importance as an evidence-based road safety measure, delivering both safety and economic benefits.

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AARSLA WEBINAR ON SAFE VEHICLES & THE SAFE SYSTEM APPROACH IN AFRICA



On 22 September 2026, CITA participated as a technical partner in the webinar "Safe Vehicles – A Critical Pillar of the Safe System Approach in Africa", organised by the African Association of Road Safety Lead Agencies (AARSLA) and the Africa Transport Policy Program (SSATP).

The event brought together road safety organisations and experts to discuss vehicle safety standards, technologies, institutional capacity, fleet management and roadworthiness inspection across Africa.

CITA Executive Director Eduard Fernández presented on "Institutional Capacity and Partnerships", highlighting the importance of ensuring vehicle safety throughout the entire vehicle lifecycle, including maintenance, repairs, modifications and changes of ownership.

He emphasised that effective road safety requires both sound technical solutions and strong governance frameworks adapted to national circumstances.

The webinar reinforced the importance of international cooperation and knowledge sharing, highlighting opportunities for AARSLA–CITA collaboration to strengthen institutional capacity and vehicle safety governance across Africa.

THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EU ROADWORTHINESS PACKAGE



On 2 October 2026, CITA held a webinar organised by Topic Area C "External Affairs" and the Task Force on the Roadworthiness Package (RWP), providing members with an update on ongoing EU trilogue negotiations and CITA's priorities.

Led by Richard Goebelt and Michael Wenzel, the session addressed key legislative issues, including inspection frequencies, motorcycles, zero-emission vehicles, PN/NOx testing, mutual recognition, electronic safety systems and access to vehicle technical data.

Discussions focused on CITA's comparative analysis of the European Commission, Council and Parliament proposals, supported by technical input from CITA Task Forces, to identify differences and coordinate recommendations.

CITA emphasised the need for technically feasible requirements adapted to modern vehicles, while maintaining clear distinctions between PTI, type approval and market surveillance.

NEW MEMBERS

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

AFRICA AUTOMOTIVE ANALYSIS

AFRICA AUTOMOTIVE ANALYSIS LIMITED (AAA), established in 2018, is a vehicle inspection company operating in Zambia and an ISO/IEC 17020:2012 accredited inspection partner of AutoTerminal Japan (ATJ).

AAA conducts roadworthiness inspections for used vehicles imported into Zambia, supporting compliance with applicable national vehicle safety and roadworthiness requirements.

CARFAX

CARFAX Europe GmbH has provided Vehicle History Services in Europe since 2007, helping make the used car market safer and more transparent.

Its solutions support consumers in identifying risks such as accident damage and mileage fraud. Operating across several European markets, CARFAX provides access to a multinational database with more than 45 billion historical vehicle events from over 20 European countries, as well as the US and Canada.

CENTAR ZA AUTOMOBILSKO INŽENJERSTVO

CENTER FOR AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING (CENTARAI) Is an engineering and technical services company specialising in vehicle inspections and certification in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Srpska.

Its activities include vehicle inspection, certification and homologation, laboratory testing, technical procedures, professional training, and technical support. CentarAI combines engineering expertise with accredited inspection and laboratory capabilities to serve the automotive, transport and industrial sectors.

DEKRA

DEKRA Automotive (Pty) Ltd commenced operations in South Africa on 1 October 2008 with its core products of Certificate of Roadworthiness and various vehicle inspection services such as technical inspections, condition reports, multi-point and safety checks.

Using the expertise of highly qualified employees and innovative services and products, DEKRA Automotive (Pty) Ltd established a Test Centre network and now has a national footprint of over 44 vehicle inspection test centres with a workforce of over 500 people.

NEW MEMBERS

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IRIS IDENT S.R.O. is the authorized Technical Service for Originality Checks in the Slovak Republic, providing specialized software, hardware, methodologies, information systems, and training. Since 2002, the company has supported efforts to combat automotive crime, focusing on vehicle identification and the verification of vehicle and document authenticity.

Originality Checks use measurements and non-destructive forensic methods to detect unauthorized modifications to vehicle identifiers, structures, or documents, supported by national and international databases.

Republic of Serbia
Road Traffic Safety Agency

The Road Traffic Safety Agency of Serbia is organised into four sectors: Legal and General Affairs, Road Safety Prevention and Local Government, Drivers, and Vehicles.

The Vehicles Sector oversees vehicle homologation, imported used vehicle inspections, vehicle modifications and periodic technical inspections.

It also manages the national technical vehicle database, supports authorised inspection stakeholders, provides professional training, and includes a dedicated tachograph department. Its activities focus on improving road safety through vehicle control, regulatory development and professional education.

UniqueSec

UNIQUESEC invented and developed an automotive radar verification system called ASGARD. This product enables rich environment simulation for radars. Recently, their new invention for radar PTI got first patent granted.

Their technologies allows over the air and vehicle is loop testing of automotive radars.

HONG KONG SELECTS OPUS RSE REMOTE SENSING TO MEASURE THE REAL-WORLD EMISSIONS OF ITS VEHICLE FLEET

The company is working with industry partners to deploy the technology in mainland China, Taiwan, Macau and other markets in the region, and is collaborating with Huawei on data integration.

MADRID / HONG KONG, 14 SEPTEMBER 2026 – OPUS Remote Sensing Europe (OPUS RSE), a Madrid-based technology company won the Hong Kong contract replacing the incumbent of more than two decades, and over leading Chinese competitors, on performance, standing out not only for its accuracy but also for its versatility, modern design and ability to adapt to new applications and to the evolving needs of public authorities.

Remote sensing - as a natural complement to PTI and roadside checks - measures, in a fraction of a second and without stopping the vehicle, how much each car, van, bus or truck is actually emitting as it drives in normal traffic conditions.

Thousands of vehicles can be screened every day at a single site. Approximately 1% of vehicles can be responsible for around 40% of traffic pollutant emissions, due to poor maintenance, component failure or tampering with emission control systems. Thus, focusing enforcement on the vehicles that are really causing the problem is more efficient and fairer environmental policy than penalising the majority of drivers on the basis of vehicle age or theoretical emission categories alone.

The Hong Kong contract is a strategic gateway for the European OPUS RSE's expansion in Asia. Collaborating with Huawei on data integration and advanced data management solutions for cities, the company is working with industry partners in the region to prepare a larger-scale rollout of its technology in mainland China, Taiwan, Macau and neighbouring markets, where interest is growing in incorporating real-world emissions measurement into mobility, air quality and environmental control policies.

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RYME WORLDWIDE AND MVPI PARTNER TO STRENGTHEN VEHICLE INSPECTION SERVICES IN SAUDI ARABIA

Agreement brings advanced inspection technology, training and technical support to periodic vehicle inspection in the Kingdom.



Ryme Worldwide has signed an agreement with **Motor Vehicle Periodic Inspection KSA (MVPI)** to enhance and expand periodic inspection services for vehicles and motorcycles across the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Under the agreement, Ryme will supply advanced inspection equipment and systems, complemented by training and technical support for MVPI personnel. The collaboration aims to raise the efficiency, quality and safety of inspections, streamline operational processes and ensure full compliance with the latest technical standards.

Ryme brings more than 40 years of experience in vehicle inspection technology, spanning the design, manufacture, supply, installation and maintenance of inspection equipment.

Founded in 1986, MVPI is one of Saudi Arabia's leading vehicle inspection providers, with extensive experience and a broad presence across the country.

The agreement reinforces the partnership between the two companies and supports the development of more efficient, modern and sustainable vehicle inspection services throughout Saudi Arabia.

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ÖAMTC AND TESTEK MOTORCYCLE ROAD BRAKE TESTS AT THE WACHAURING CIRCUIT

In July, two Central European members of CITA joined forces: the Austrian ÖAMTC invited the Slovak TESTEK to participate in comparative measurements of various decelerometers on motorcycles at the Wachauring circuit in Austria.

According to Directive 2014/45/EU, if a brake test bench cannot be used during the technical inspection, a road test with deceleration measurement must be conducted.

This requirement also applies to motorcycles.

Nevertheless, measuring motorcycle deceleration during road tests remains relatively rare in EU member states.

A series of test rides with various motorcycles, braked from different initial speeds, using both conventional acceleration measuring devices and the TESTEK decelerometer mobile application, demonstrated that such measurements are feasible on motorcycles and that the instruments used provide comparable results.

The presentation on these measurements was delivered at the CITA RAG Europe Conference 2026 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

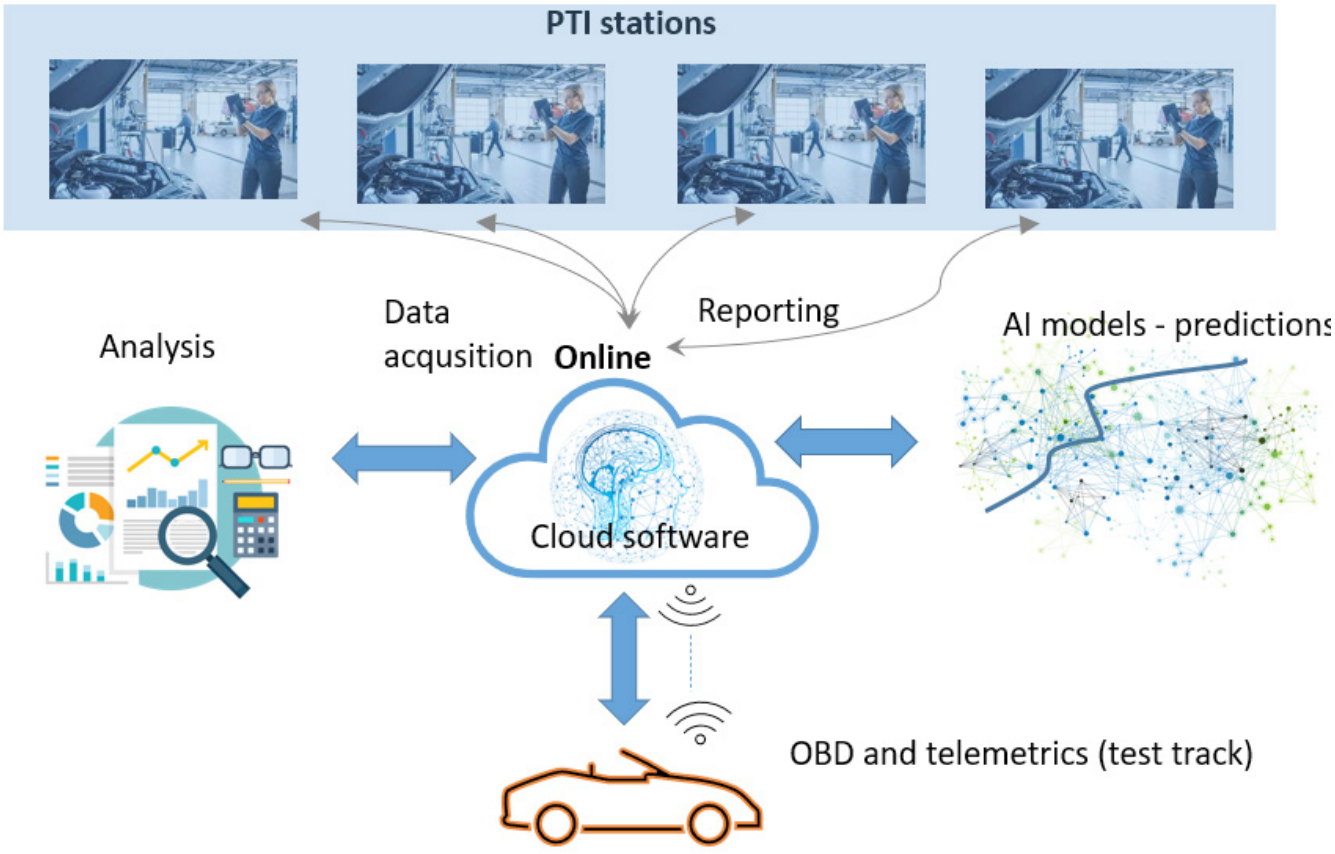


THE FUTURE OF PTI: EXPLAINABLE AI (XAI) FOR ROADWORTHINESS EXCELLENCE

As vehicle technology evolves, inspecting modern fleets—including electric and automated vehicles—demands transparent, explainable AI solutions across the PTI ecosystem. To address this challenge, the PTxAI initiative introduces an architectural framework digitalizing vehicle compliance through Big Data and Explainable Artificial Intelligence (xAI).

The centralized platform acquires data across core test streams, including brake dynamics, exhaust emissions, and OBD status, enabling an objective and verifiable evaluation of roadworthiness. Beyond standalone periodic inspections, this approach facilitates seamless data exchange among stakeholders, connecting vehicle health metrics throughout its operational lifetime.

By establishing a Vehicle Safety Lifecycle Management model, the framework enhances quality control, equipment reliability, and inspector consistency. Ultimately, this integration supports unified reporting, data-driven decision-making, and proactive policy formulation across CITA members.



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GREENLAND TAKES STEPS TOWARDS FORMAL VEHICLE INSPECTION

The Danish Road Traffic Authority is strengthening road safety efforts in Greenland through technical roadside checks carried out in cooperation with the Greenland Police. The checks focus on key roadworthiness elements such as tyres, lighting, visibility, and overall vehicle condition.

The initiative follows a political agreement assigning the Danish Road Traffic Authority responsibility for conducting technical vehicle checks in Greenland and they are an important step towards future roadside inspection regulations being developed jointly with the Department of Housing, Infrastructure, Outlying Districts, and Emergency Management (Ineqarnermut, Attaveqaasersuutinut Isorliunerusunut Upalungaarsimanermullu Naalakkersuisoqarfik) and the Ministry of Urban Affairs, Land and Transport.

New regulation will allow the Danish Road Traffic Authority to independently, stop vehicles directly and carry out roadside inspections. The new rules are expected to enter into force in 2027.

For the vehicle inspection community, Greenland presents a unique environment where vast distances and challenging conditions require innovative compliance solutions. The initiative helps improve safety today while building the foundation for a future vehicle inspection framework.

To improve stakeholder engagement, the Danish Road Traffic Authority, known locally as Aqqusinertigut Angallannermut Aqutsisoqarfik, has launched a webpage (in Greenlandic and Danish), providing information on regulations, inspection activities, and road safety initiatives in Greenland.

The Danish Road Traffic Authority would be happy to share the lessons learned from this exciting task and to hear from colleagues with experience in conducting vehicle inspections under similar conditions.



MASSAR UNITED'S MANAR PTI STATION IN RIYADH HAS ACHIEVED ISO/IEC 17020 ACCREDITATION

CITA Gold Member Massar United Company has announced that its Manar Periodic Technical Inspection Station in Riyadh has been accredited by the Saudi Accreditation Center (SAAC) under ISO/IEC 17020:2012 for Inspection Type A.

SAAC is a signatory to the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement, giving the accreditation international recognition and confirming the station's competence, impartiality and consistent operation.

This accreditation also comes in recognition of the support and commitment of Saudi Standards & Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) towards the Roads and Vehicles safety.

The milestone reflects Massar United's commitment to enhancing vehicle inspection standards in Saudi Arabia and to its role within the CITA community



UPCOMING EVENTS

10 - 11 November 2026 | Abidjan - Ivory Coast

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