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Guidelines for Oral Presentations for the 17th World Congress on Road Winter Service, Resilience and Decarbonisation Chambéry (France), 10-13 March 2026

1. OVERVIEW

Thank you very much for your contribution to the Chambéry Congress as a speaker. These guidelines are intended for all speakers in the congress and are designed to help you deliver a clear and well-prepared presentation by providing all the essential information you need in one place. This document will be updated as we approach the Congress.

For authors who submitted a full paper, please note that you will also have the opportunity to present your work during the poster session. Please refer to the dedicated poster-session guidelines, "[Guidelines for the Poster Session](#)" for more details.

2. SESSION DETAILS

Your session details are described on the Chambéry Pre-Proceedings Website:

<https://pre-proceedings-chambery2026.piarc.org/en/program/Program-at-a-glance>

In the appendix of this document, you will find the direct link to the details of your oral session.

If you have any requests to update your details, such as titles, speakers or affiliations, please contact the PIARC General Secretariat by email to Tomohiro Matsubara tomohiro.matsubara@piarc.org and Go Hirochi go.hirochi@piarc.org, and please inform your session chair as well.

3. REGISTER FOR THE CONGRESS VIA THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE

All attendees must register for the Congress via the official website.

<https://www.piarc-chambery2026.com/registrations>

4. LANGUAGES

4.1 For the speakers in the Keynote Sessions, Strategic Direction Sessions, Technical Sessions, Foresight Sessions, and Special Project Sessions

Simultaneous interpretation will be available in all three languages throughout the session. You are welcome to **speak in English, French, or Spanish** during your presentation.

You may also prepare your slides in English, French, or Spanish. However, to ensure that many participants can easily follow your presentation, we recommend preparing your slides in English and speaking in another language.

4.2 For the speakers in the Workshops

No interpretation will be available, so you can only use one language. Please coordinate with your session chair on which language will be available.

5. PREPARATION OF YOUR PRESENTATION

Your presentation plays a key role in communicating your work effectively during the Congress. This section provides all the essential information to help you prepare a well-structured presentation that meets the event's requirements.

5.1 Template

Please use the official PIARC presentation template, available here in three languages:

<https://pre-proceedings-chambery2026.piarc.org/en/documents/Introduction>

Please make sure to use the latest templates, which replace the French Ministry Logo:



5.2 General Guidance

- Your slides should support your oral remarks—they are not meant to replace your technical paper.
- Please coordinate with your session chair regarding the structure of the session, including the presentation duration and any specific expectations.
- Your session chair might ask you to share your presentation file in advance. Please follow their instructions to support their preparation.

5.3 Slide Design Recommendations

To make your content easy to follow for all participants, we recommend:

- Planning approximately one slide per minute of speaking time.
- Using font sizes of 16 pt or larger for readability.
- Incorporating diagrams, photos, and graphs where appropriate.
- Avoiding dense text, complex tables, or overcrowded layouts.

5.4 Bilingual Presentations

If you wish to create a bilingual presentation:

- Both languages must be integrated into one single presentation file, as only one screen is available in each room.
- Ensure all text remains clearly visible, respecting the minimum 16-point font size.
- Make sure the overall readability is not compromised by having multiple language blocks on the same slide.

5.5 Videos and Multimedia

- Videos must be embedded directly into your PPTX file.
- Please also bring video files separately on your USB stick as a backup to assist technicians on-site.

6. SUBMISSION OF YOUR PRESENTATION FILE ON SITE FOR ALL SPEAKERS

All speakers have to submit their presentation file **on site at the Congress venue**. Please note that there is no online submission platform.

6.1 Speakers' Room

A dedicated **Speakers' Room** will be available for speakers to hand over their presentation files and verify that everything works correctly on the congress equipment.

- Please bring your presentation on a USB stick. An on-site email address will also be available if you prefer to send your file by email.
- Files must be submitted at least **1 hour before** your session to allow technicians sufficient time to prepare.
- Please ensure you hand over:
 - Your final PPTX file, including your video
 - Any embedded video files as separate backups
- **When submitting your material, please clearly indicate**
 - **Your session name**
 - **The speaker's name**

This ensures your file is correctly assigned and loaded in the right meeting room.

6.2 Accepted File Types

- Only PowerPoint files(PPTX) are accepted.
- **If you do not have PowerPoint files, the technicians can assist in converting PDF files into a PowerPoint file on-site; however, this is not recommended.**
- If your presentation contains videos, they have to be inserted directly into the PPTX, and you also have to provide the original video files to the technicians.

6.3 Speakers' Room Hours

Opening hours are as follows:

Date	Opening Hours
Tuesday 10 March	09:00 – 18:00
Wednesday 11 March	08:00 – 18:00
Thursday 12 March	08:00 – 14:00
Friday, 13 March	08:00 – 13:00

7. FACILITIES IN THE SESSION ROOM

The organizer will prepare the computer for your presentation, so you cannot use your own laptop for your presentation. The following facilities are available for your presentation in the presentation room:

- ✓ One big screen to show your presentation
- ✓ A remote Controller to advance your slideshow
- ✓ A podium **with a laptop** is available on the stage, with a microphone available
- ✓ One monitor screen to see your slide from the podium

8. DURING THE CONGRESS (YOUR SUMMARY TIMELINE)

To ensure your presentation runs smoothly, please follow these steps:

1. Visit the **Speakers' Room** to check your file and confirm it works properly at least **1 hour before** your session.
2. Arrive at your session room 10 minutes early to meet the session chair and finalize coordination.
3. When you start your presentation, please click once on your presentation title on the laptop at the podium. After a few seconds, your presentation will open.
4. Use the remote controller provided to advance your slides. Technical staff will assist if needed.

9. AFTER THE CONGRESS

After the Congress, PIARC GS will upload the **PDF version of each presentation** to the official proceedings website, alongside the corresponding papers. This allows participants to access the material after the event.

If there are any last-minute updates or instructions regarding the publication of your presentation, please communicate with the general secretariat of PIARC by email to go.hirochi@piarc.org copy to paperschambery2026@piarc.org.

Appendix

The link for the session details on the preproceeding website.

Code	Session Name and the link for the pre-proceeding website
W01	Winter Service Session 01 - Automatic Spreading and Digitalisation Part 1
W02	Winter Service Session 02 - Overview of winter service worldwide
W03	Winter Service Session 03 - Risk assessments due to challenges in winter maintenance caused by climate change
W04	Winter Service Session 04 - Human Resource Management in Winter Service
W05	Winter Service Session 05 - Automatic Spreading and Digitalisation Part 2
W06	Winter Service Session 06 - New takes on winter maintenance management in meeting challenges in climate change
W07	Winter Service Session 07 - Forecasts for winter service
W08	Winter Service Session 08 - Adjustments in winter maintenance organization according to climate change and new climate zones
W09	Winter Service Session 09 - Experiments and tools for winter maintenance
W10	Winter Service Session 10 - Evaluations of effect in winter maintenance regarding climate change
W11	Winter Service Session 11 - AI for road status information
W12	Winter Service Session 12 - De-icing material and application
W13	Winter Service Session 13 - Decision support for winter maintenance
W14	Winter Service Session 14 - Winter Maintenance Management in different Countries
W15	Winter Service Session 15 - Alternative technologies for melting snow and ice
W16	Winter Service Session 16 -Strategies and Guidelines for Winter Maintenance Management
W17	Winter Service Session 17 - Use of AI for winter maintenance
W18	Winter Service Session 18 - Winter Maintenance Management in special situations
W19	Winter Service Session 19 -Winter Service in Urban Areas
W20	Winter Service Session 20 - Special Aspects of Winter Maintenance Management
W21	Winter Service Session 21 - Use of Digital data to assist Winter Service
W22	Winter Service Session 22 - Innovation in Infrastructure and Organisation
W23	Winter Service Session 23 - Use of Data from Vehilces
W24	Winter Service Session 24 -Cyclist Mobility and Sustainable Winter Maintenance
R01	Resilience Session 01 - How can the resilience of aging bridges be improved in the context of climate change?
R02	Resilience Session 02 - Resilience of road freight traffic facing adverse situations: foresight, modelling, response and lessons learnt
R03	Resilience Session 03: Assessing and Managing Road Safety Risk within the Safe System Approach Part.1

R04	Resilience Session 04: Assessing and Managing Road Safety Risk within the Safe System Approach Part.2
R05	Resilience Session 05 - Improving resilience planning
R06	Resilience Session 06 - Organizational resilience: what & how?
R07	Resilience Session 07 - Resilience and sustainable operation of tunnels
R08	Resilience Session 08 - Resilient Roads: Smarter Asset Management
R09	Resilience Session 09 - Building Better Roads: Engineering for Resilience
R10	Resilience Session 10 - Rural Roads Resilience
R11	Resilience Session 11 - Extreme Weather: Coping Mechanisms
R12	Resilience Session 12 - Extreme Weather: Cooperative Solutions
R13	Resilience Session 13 - Earthworks facing climate change
D01	Decarbonisation Session 01 - Driving Decarbonisation with Road Investments
D02	Decarbonisation Session 02 - Measures to reduce the carbon footprint of pavements - part 1
D03	Decarbonisation Session 03 - Measures to reduce the carbon footprint of pavements - part 2
D04	Decarbonisation Session 04 - Electric Road Systems
D05	Decarbonisation Session 05 - Decarbonisation of construction & maintenance Part 1
D06	Decarbonisation Session 06 - Decarbonisation of construction & maintenance Part 2
D07	Decarbonisation Session 07 - Innovative ITS for Decarbonisation and resiliency
D08	Decarbonisation Session 08 - Roads for decarbonized mobility in urban and peri-urban areas
D09	Decarbonisation Session 09 - Comparative Analysis of the Evolution of Road Statistics
KS1	Keynote Session 1
KS2	Keynote Session 2
KS3	Keynote Session 3 - An innovative approach to preparing the French national road network for climate change adaptation
SDSW	Strategic Direction Session on Winter Service - Strategic Aspects of Winter Service
SDSR	Strategic Direction Session on Resilience - Resilience of the Road Network
SDSD	Strategic Direction Session on Decarbonisation - Decarbonisation of the road sector
SP1	Special Project Session 1 - Artificial Intelligence in the road sector
SP2	Special Project Session 2 - Motorcyclists road safety
SP3	Special Project Session 3 - Rapid Impact Assessment
SP4	Special Project Session 4 - Management of worksites
F01	Foresight session 1 - Holistic approach to foster circular and resilient road and transport infrastructures
F02	Foresight Session 2 - Expressways decarbonation
F03	Foresight session 3 - Prioritizing Critical Transport Infrastructure and Operations for Resilient Connectivity

F04	Foresight session 4 - SIRWEC 2026 Part 1
F05	Foresight Session 5 - SIRWEC 2026 Part 2
F06	Foresight session 6 - Winter Service for airports
F07	Foresight session 7 - To be confirmed
WK01	Workshop 01 - Improvements to the PIARC International Climate Change Adaptation Framework - 2023 version
WK02	Workshop 02 - Transparency, Finance & Procurement for Sustainability
WK03	Workshop 03- Beyond Boundaries: Multi-dimensional Disaster Resilience
WK04	Workshop 04 - Overweighted commercial vehicles: impact on road infrastructures and mitigation
WK05	Workshop 05 - Transport Resilience in Motion – A Live Collaboration Forum
WK06	Workshop 06 - New Technologies and Innovation in the road sector
WK07	Workshop 07 - Natural hazards risk for mountain road infrastructure
WK08	Workshop 08 - Unlocking decarbonisation in road construction & maintenance
WK09	Workshop 09 - Winter Accessibility for the 2030 Winter Olympics - Ensuring Access to Ski Resorts and Olympic Venues in the French Alps
WK10	Workshop 10 - Road sustainability and resilience: addressing the challenges of temperature differentials