

New CITA Working Groups Arrangements and Project Teams

1. Background

CITA used to have 9 Working Groups (WGs) – eight focused on the needs of CITA's European members and one on the needs of its Asian members. Apart from a small number of formal projects (about 4 fully funded by the European Commission and the AUTOFORE Study that was partially funded by the Commission), these WG are the principle way that CITA carries out its technically focused work. WGs provide the following main services and benefits to CITA members and the CITA Bureau Permanent:

- i. Forum for the technical experts from members to share information and experience on current practices and systems for the inspection of vehicles;
- ii. Reference group for the Bureau Permanent and CITA Secretariat to obtain “expert opinion” and considered answers to technical policy issues that reflect a measure of consensus between CITA members.
- iii. Forum for the technical experts from members to jointly seek solutions to technical issues and to participate in the development of CITA draft best practice recommendations;
- iv. Forum for the technical experts from members to contribute to the development of draft proposals for international standards on vehicle inspection.

These arrangements have evolved over the past 20 years or so and have provided an effective way of involving CITA members in its technical work. The Chairperson and participants in these Groups provide their time on an unpaid basis and cover their own expenses etc. This aspect of the arrangements has been a major benefit in keeping CITA's costs to a minimum. For the past 12 years CITA has provided Technical Advisor/Secretariat support to the Groups. This change significantly helped WG to progress their work more quickly and generally to become more effective, proactive and disciplined in delivering agreed outputs against agreed deadlines.

A proposal by the Bureau Permanent (BP) to replace the former arrangements for the **European** Working Groups was approved at the 2009 General Assembly. The aim of it being to make CITA's work even more effective by separating project work from the core objective of working groups. Project work will be handled separate as individual projects managed by project teams.

2. CITA's six priority action initiatives

1. Support international initiatives to upgrade and improve PTI standards: EU and UNECE work
2. Develop the three level approach for testing electronic systems at PTI
3. Develop proposals for a PTI Technical Database with vehicle specification data and analysis of test results
4. Identify and evaluate further candidate electronic systems including Advanced Driver Assistance Systems
5. Contribution of PTI to reduce CO2 and other emissions. Significant in respect of global warming
6. Measurement of the value of PTI to help justify the changes that we are seeking

3. New Technical Topic Areas for the new arrangements

| Technical Topic Areas | | Sub-Topic Area |
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| | Policy Experts | |
| Safety Systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Aubel, TÜV Rheinland, Germany | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronically Controlled Systems • Mechanical Systems • Brakes |
| Environmental Protection Systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Axel Richter, TÜV Nord Mobilität, Germany | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhaust Emissions • CO2 Emissions • Noise |
| Standardized Inspection Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernard Bourrier, Autovision, France | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgraded Harmonised Standards • Training • Quality |
| Continuous Compliance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operators PE, Thomas Klukas, SGS, Switzerland • Administrations PE, To Be Decided | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTI Regimes • Roadside Inspection Regimes • Other Roadworthiness Regimes |
| Information Systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eduard Fernandez, Applus, Spain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Databases – technical vehicle specifications and inspection results • Data Collection & Analysis • ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems) |

4. Membership of each Technical Expert Group and each WG

| Topic Areas | | Sub-topic Area | Technical Expert Group | Working Group |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Policy Expert and Deputy | | Technical Expert | | |
| | | | All people in TEG are appointed by BP | Any CITA member can become member of WG |
| A | Safety Systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronically Controlled Systems Mechanical Systems Brakes | Membership of Safety Systems TEG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair –Policy Expert Sub topic Technical Experts Other Technical Experts | Membership of Safety Systems WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair –Policy Expert Membership – any CITA members |
| B | Environmental Protection Systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhaust Emissions CO2 Emissions Noise | Membership of Environmental Protection Systems TEG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above | Membership of Environmental Protection Systems WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above |
| C | Standardized Inspection Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgraded Harmonised standards Training Quality | Membership of Mutual Recognition TEG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above | Membership of Mutual Recognition WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above |
| D | Continuous Compliance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTI Regimes Roadside Inspection Regimes Other Roadworthiness Regimes | Membership of Enforcement Regimes TEG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above | Membership of Enforcement Regimes WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above |
| E | Information Systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Databases – technical vehicle specifications and inspection results Data collection & analysis ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems) | Membership of Information Systems TEG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above | Membership of Information Systems WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above |

5. Roles of Policy Experts, Technical Experts, Technical Expert Groups and WGs

| Technical Expert Group | | | Working Group |
|------------------------|--|--|---|
| | Policy Expert and Deputy | Technical Experts | Technical Expert Group |
| | | | Representatives of CITA Members (Open to all CITA members) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead TEG • Work with other Policy Experts on RAG Policy Group to set objectives, priorities and work programs for TEGs. • Quality assure work of TEG and of individual Technical experts on the TEG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide expert technical advice to BP • To represent CITA as a Technical Expert • To lead the development of CITA best practice recommendations for their sub-topic area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a balanced reference group of representative technical experts for the efficient development of draft proposals and recommendations etc |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable all CITA members to participate in CITA’s technically focused work • To provide a consultation forum for new proposals |

Project Team and Project Governance

