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DAY 1 17 SEPTEMBER 2026 / THURSDAY /

12:30 – 13:45

Registration

14:00 – 14:30

Opening addresses

SESSION 1

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Eng. Borislav Hristov

14:30 – 15:00

Univ.-Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Markus Oeser - President of Federal Highway and Transport Research Institute (BAST), Germany – The Federal Highway and Transport Research Institute (BAST): A key player in German Road Safety.

15:00 – 15:30

Ilja Jungfeld – Expert in traffic safety and international cooperation - Federal Highway and Transport Research Institute (BAST), Germany - Vehicle Restraint Systems on German Rural Roads: Current Approaches and Established Solutions

15:30 – 16:00

Dr.-Ing. Dominik Schmitt – Specialist in traffic safety research and standardization - Federal Highway and Transport Research Institute (BAST), Germany - Traffic Organization in Germany: Translating Legal Rules into Safe Behaviour

16:00 – 16:15

Discussion

16:15 – 16:45

Coffee break

SESSION 2

Moderator: Dr. Eng. Ivan Tabakov

16:45 – 17:05

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arch. Gichka Kutova - Kamenova - Rector of the University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy

17:05 – 17:25

Prof. Dr. Christina Nikolova - Head of the Department of Economics of Transport and Energy at UNWE - Who pays for traffic accidents in Bulgaria? Actual costs, hidden subsidies, and transportation poverty

17:25 – 17:45

Dr. Vladimir Pozharashki - psychotherapist



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17:45 – 18:05

Brendan Halleman - Senior Advisor International Road Federation (IRF) - Forging Roads in the Safe System: Shared Principles, Common Practices

18:05 – 18:25

ing. Vasil Tanev - Drainage as a Critical Factor in Reducing Aquaplaning and Improving Road Safety

18:25 - 18:40

Discussion

18:40 – 19:30

Free time

19:30 – 23:00

Gala dinner

DAY 2

18 SEPTEMBER 2026 / FRIDAY /

07:30– 09:30

Breakfast

SESSION 3

Moderator: Eng. Yordan Yonov

09:30 – 09:50

ing. Aleksy Kesyakov - Vision Zero: From Past to Future

09:50 – 10:10

Representative of the Ministry of Interior

10:10 – 10:30

Prof. Borislav Hristov, PhD, Eng. - Gender differences in the vision of the drivers' visual attention on pedestrian crossings.

10:30 – 10:50

ing. Emilyan Georgiev - Director of the Transport Infrastructure Maintenance Directorate - Causes and factors contributing to the formation of ruts in Asphalt pavements and their impact on road safety



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10:50 – 11:00

Eng. Biser Yanakiev - American road marking machines

11:10 – 11:20

Discussion

SESSION 4 Moderators' Panel

11:20 - 11:50

Summary of the conference by the session moderators, discussions, and adoption of the Conference's Final Declaration

12:00

Lunch and departure

Working languages: English, Bulgarian

Simultaneous translation will be provided during the conference

IMPORTANT: Hotel check-out time is until 11:00 am