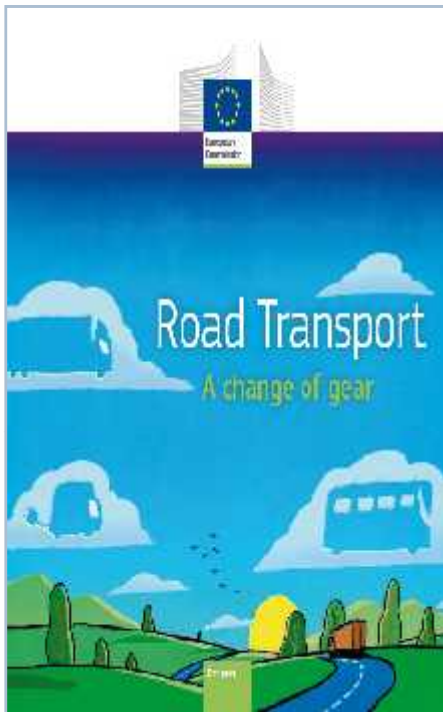


# South East Europe harmonised qualification of professional Drivers (SEED)

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## EC recognises the key role of road transport as a catalyst to trade



*Road transport is part of the lifeblood of the European economy and single market. It delivers goods across Europe fast, efficiently, flexibly and cheaply.*

*Road transport is a vital economic sector in its own right, employing about 6,5 million people across the EU and generating close to 2% of its GDP.*

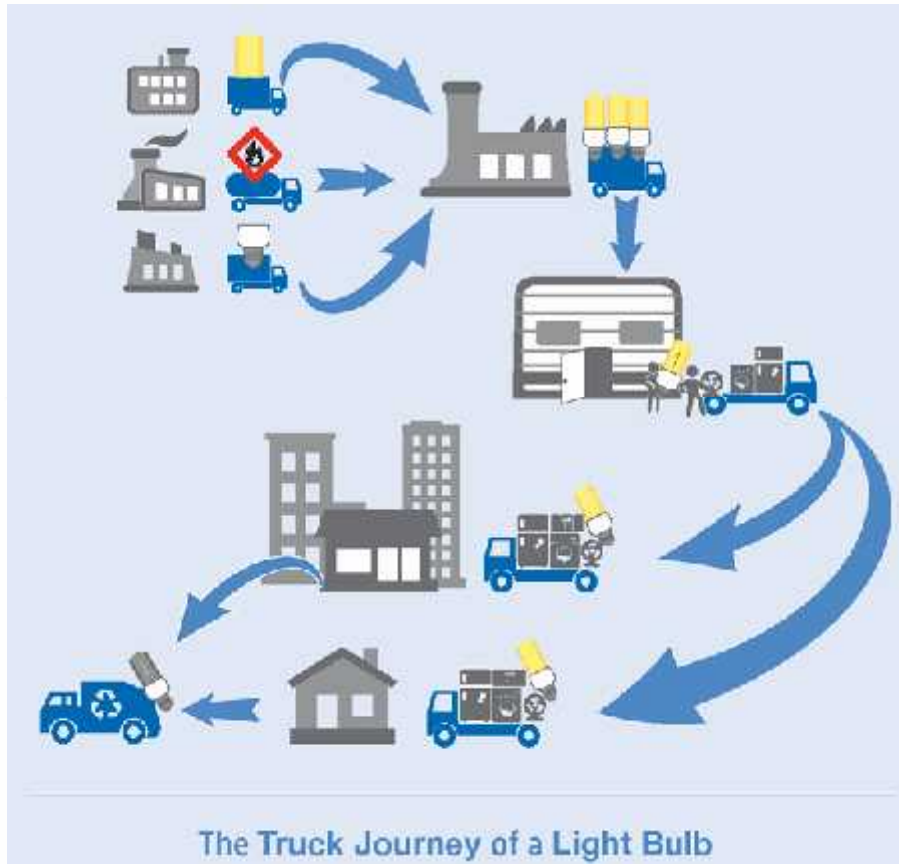
*Road transport is a tool for reviving growth through the enhancement of competitiveness and the creation of jobs.*



**Siim Kallas** former  
Vice-President of the European Commission



Every item is carried by road at a certain point



**Every single item**  
that is produced or consumed  
**everywhere**  
is transported by  
**truck.**

# European Professional Driver Qualification – EU Directive 59/2003/EC

CPC Driver compulsory for professional drivers throughout Europe

Initial Qualification and Periodic Training (35 hours training every five years)



## South East Europe

### Facts:

- EU – Main trade partner (>70%)
- Road transport industry represents >10% of GDP
- Political priorities – join the EU

### Challenges:

- Continued access to the EU market
- Multilateral permits / licences (ECMT)
- Recognition of professional qualification
- Align legislation with EU



## SEE – State of Play

Lack of harmonisation:

- Training standards
- Instructors
- Examination



Consequences:

- Refusal of recognition
- Further restrictions in access to the profession
- Limited access to the markets



## Republic of Macedonia – State of Play

- national legislation: Law on Road Transport - mandatory CPC for drivers
- mandatory certificates for instructors
- exams are computerized and are taken electronically
- competent authorities: Ministry of Transport

### Challenge:

- quality and duration of training: not defined
- criteria for authorisation



## SEE – Solution

### Harmonisation of:

- Training standards
- Instructor requirements
- Examination
- Certificates

### Challenges:

- Regional cooperation
- Mutual recognition
- Political support



These are objectives of the ***SEED Project***

# SEED Project



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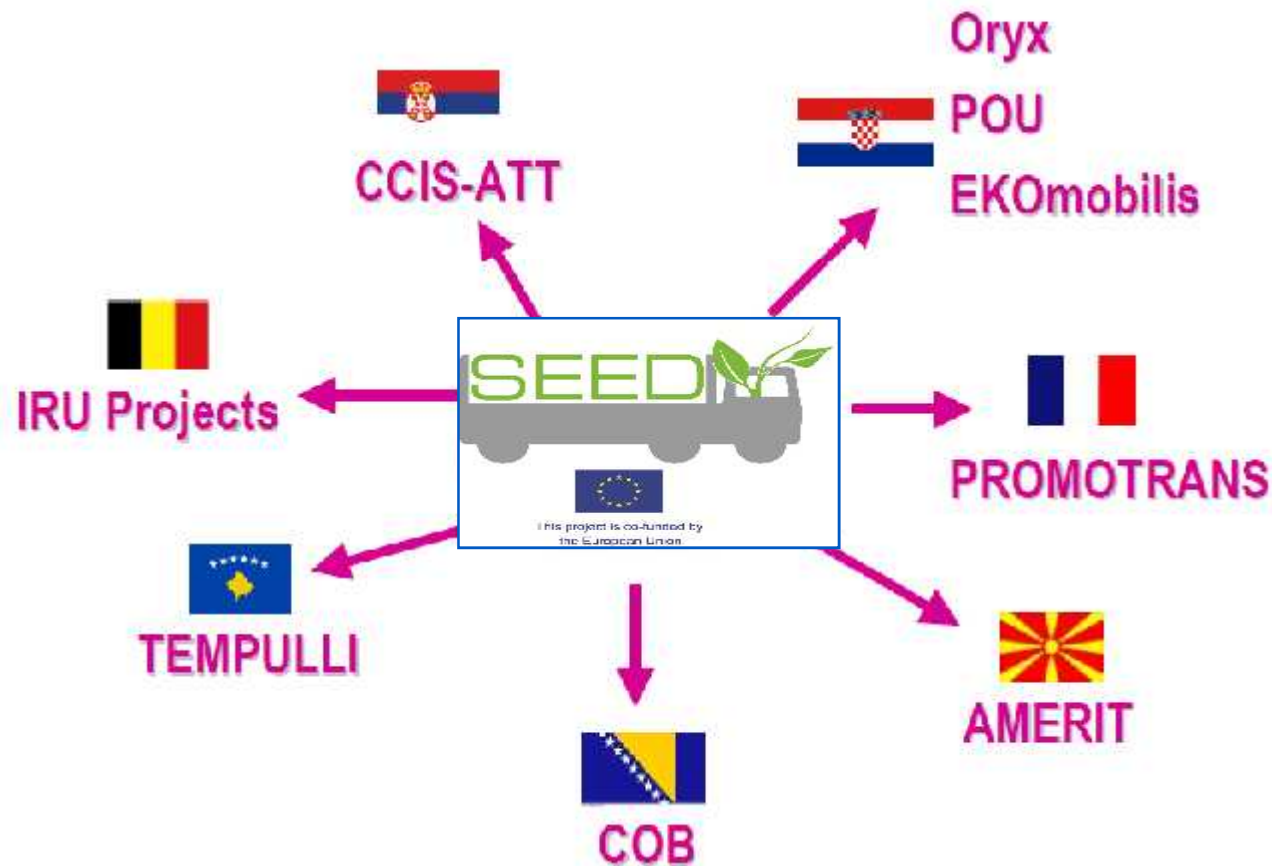
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## Partners



## 9 Partners – 7 countries





## Objective

Increased and harmonised CPC Driver Instructors' and Drivers' qualification in the SEE region, fully compliant with EU Directive 2003/59/EC and ECMT Quality Charter

- Better trained and qualified instructors and professional drivers
- New learning experiences across cultural borders
- Mutual recognition of professional driver qualification
- Extended network of relationship between different countries
- Motivated workforce

## Conclusion



Road safety is a top priority for the road transport industry as every accident is one too many.

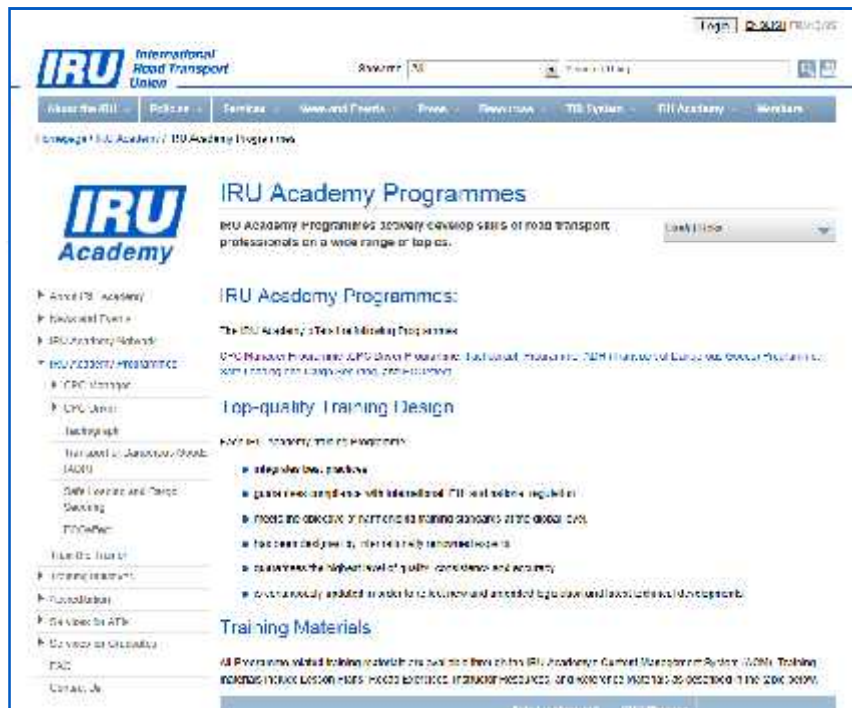


Professional training is the best way to effectively address the human factor, which is statistically the main cause of accidents involving commercial vehicles





## 21 Professional Training Programmes



## Numerous multilingual Drivers' Checklists

