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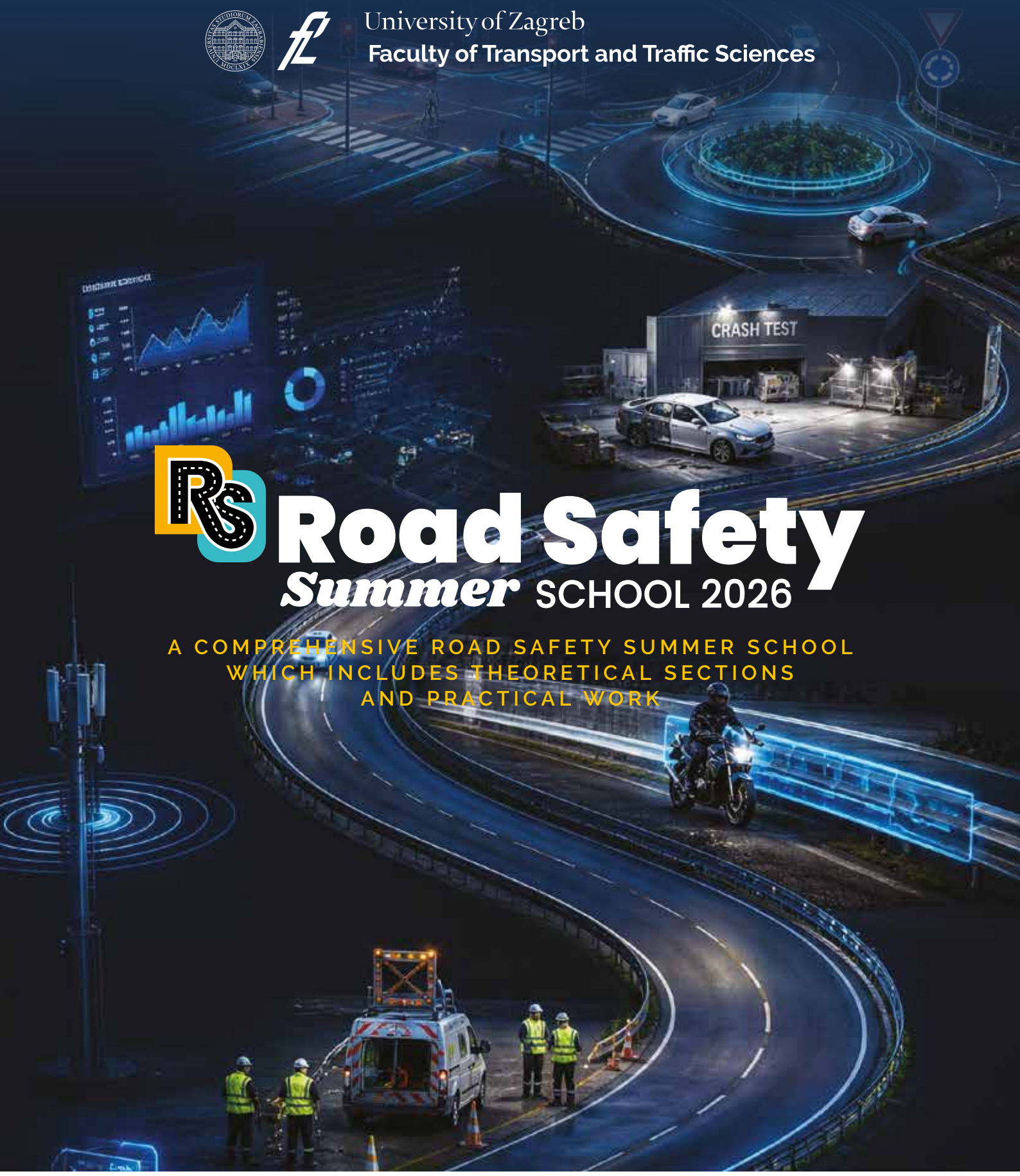

Road Safety Summer SCHOOL 2026

A COMPREHENSIVE ROAD SAFETY SUMMER SCHOOL
WHICH INCLUDES THEORETICAL SECTIONS
AND PRACTICAL WORK

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PROGRAM TITLE

ROAD SAFETY SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

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JOIN OUR ROAD SAFETY SUMMER SCHOOL

Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb has long been devoted to providing our students with a stimulating environment that encourages them to become active and independent researchers and to develop skills of independent thinking, communication and problem-solving. One of the aims of the Faculty is to also train professionals who possess skills for lifelong learning and a set of high personal and professional values.

Therefore, it is our great pleasure to invite future road safety experts to participate in Road Safety Summer School 2026!

During the course of eight days, world-renowned experts from the field will introduce participants to the state-of-the-art findings related to the main factors of road safety: the human factor, the road and its environment, and the vehicle factor.

Besides theoretical part, through practical work (crash test and field inspections) participants will learn the basics of accident analysis and road safety inspection. Of course, it is not all about learning: excursions and extracurricular activities are planned in order for you to enjoy the beautiful and sunny Croatia.

Join us, learn more to make an impact, meet new friends and colleagues, and make the most out of your summer!

SUMMARY OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

In the course of eight days of theoretical and practical work within the *Summer School*, participants will be introduced to the state-of-the-art findings related to the main factors of road safety: the human factor, the road and its environment and the vehicle. The practical part of the summer school will introduce participants to the basics of traffic accident analysis based on the actual data obtained from a crash test. This will be followed by a field road safety inspection.

The main goal of the *Summer School* is to provide a broad and expert training related to advanced concepts and elements of road safety and thus increase the knowledge and competence of participants.

The *Summer School* will last nine days, from 24/08 to 01/09/2026, during which participants will attend theoretical lectures and engage in practical work according to the official Summer School Program. The total workload amounts to **67 hours**: 47 hours will take place on-site (1 hour = 60 minutes), while an additional 20 hours are allocated for individual assignments that participants will complete at home. Upon successful completion of all planned activities, Master's and Ph.D. students will be awarded 2 ECTS credits

Road Safety Summer School

is designed for Master and Ph.D. students in the fields related to road engineering as well as for other concerned experts.

CONCEPT AND TARGET GROUP

8 days

67 hours of lectures and practical work

Targeted number of participants:

20-25

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Participants must be enrolled into Master or Ph.D. studies related to road engineering or road safety. Other eligible professionals must be employed in the road safety sector.
A prerequisite for obtaining the *Summer School* Certificate and ECTS credits is attending all theoretical and practical lectures.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Attendance to all classes defined by the *Summer School* Program.

OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the *Summer School*, participants will be able to:

- understand and apply the Safe System Approach to road safety
- compare road safety challenges and strategies across countries
- describe how a human being processes and perceives the information from the environment and how it influences their behaviour and decision making
- identify and apply principles of safe road design and roundabout design
- define key safety systems in vehicles
- describe contemporary road design concepts aimed at increasing road safety
- elaborate on the main factors impacting the overall road safety
- explain the impact of traffic signalling on driver behaviour and thus the overall road safety
- identify different road safety measures and discuss their effectiveness in specific situations
- describe how road crash analysis and road safety audits are conducted
- describe the quality assessment of road infrastructure
- plan and organize road safety research

LITERATURE

All necessary literature, materials and printouts of presentation will be provided to the participants.

EVALUATION OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAM

The participants will evaluate the entire *Summer School* via surveys. Entry surveys will provide an insight into the education and work experience of the participants, while exit surveys will assess the quality of *Summer School* lecturers and programs.

CONFIRMATION OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

After completing the theoretical and practical lectures, participants will receive a certificate of successful completion. The certificate contains the name of the participant, dates of the Summer School, number of lecturing hours, the ECTS credits awarded and the signature of the Dean of the Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb.

COSTS AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

The deadline to apply for a scholarship is 31/05/2026 (midnight). Candidates will be informed about the results by 30/06/2026.

The cost of enrolling and attending the *Summer School* is:

1. Early bird until 1 July 2026

a) 600 EUR – for Master students

b) 700 EUR – for Ph.D. students

c) 900 EUR – others

2. Standard - from 1 July 2026

a) 700 EUR – for Master students

b) 800 EUR – for Ph.D. students

c) 1000 EUR – others

Costs include meals and drinks during the lecturing days, all necessary learning materials and printouts of presentations, as well as all other extracurricular activities defined in the Program. Weekend excursions on August 30th is not covered by the participation fee and should be paid by each participant who wants to partake in them.

DETAILED PROGRAM

SCHEDULE

1. DAY

5.10 HOURS

OPENING DAY - 24 August 2026

GOAL: To get familiar with the programme, organizers, and the Safe System Approach; to exchange insights on road safety challenges in other countries; to set the stage for international learning and collaboration; to explore the city of Zagreb.

TIMETABLE:

09:00 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 10:30	Presentation of Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences and University of Zagreb *(Vice Dean for Science and External Cooperation Asst. Prof. Dario Babić, Ph.D.)*
10:30 - 10:50	Presentation of the summer school program *(welcome note from the organizers)*
10:50 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:00	Understanding the Safe System Approach - **Part 1** *(Asst. Prof. Dario Babić, Ph.D. - Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia)*
12:00 - 12:10	Short break
12:10 - 13:10	Understanding the Safe System Approach – **Part 2** *(Asst. Prof. Dario Babić, Ph.D. - Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia*
13:10 - 13:40	Lunch break
13:40 - 14:40	Road Safety Across Borders: Insights from Participant Countries – **Part 1** (participants)*
14:40 - 14:50	Short break
14:50 - 16:10	Road Safety Across Borders: Insights from Participant Countries – **Part 2** (participants)*

Guided city tour (free)

*Participants need to prepare 2-3 slides about the road situation in their respected countries – road safety statistics, main causes of fatalities in road traffic, main challenges etc.

2. DAY

6.30 HOURS

SCHEDULE

ROAD AND ENVIRONMENT - 25 August 2026

GOALS: To understand the role of high-quality road markings and signs in road safety and their importance for automated and autonomous vehicles; to explore measurement methods, and to gain practical insight into the functioning and safety impact of traditional and smart traffic signal systems.

TIMETABLE:

9:00 - 10:30	Road Markings in the Age of Automated Driving *(Harald Mosböck – SWARCO Road Marking Systems, VP Europe, Middle East and Af rica)*
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 - 11:45	Importance of Road Markings and Their Quality on Road Safety – **Part 1** *(Harrald Bobeck - Brite-Line Europe, Germany)*
11:45 - 11:50	Short break
11:50 - 12:50	Importance of Road Markings and Their Quality on Road Safety – **Part 2** *(Harrald Bobeck - Brite-Line Europe, Germany)*
12:50 - 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 - 14:15	Importance of Road Signs and Their Quality on Road Safety *(Prof. Darko Babić, Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia)*
14:15 14:25	Short break
14:25 - 15:00	Presentation of Measuring Equipment for Quality Control of Road Markings and Road Signs *(Prof. Darko Babić, Ph.D.; Asst. Prof. Dario Babić, Ph.D.; Asst. Prof. Mario Fiolić, Ph.D. - Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia)*
15:00 - 15:10	Short break
15:10 - 16:00	Basic Concepts Behind Traffic Lights *(Slaviša Babić, Croatian Roads Ltd.)*
16:00 - 16:10	Short break
16:10 - 17:00	Smart Traffic Light and Road Safety *(Slaviša Babić, Croatian Roads Ltd.)*
Free evening	

3. DAY

5.30 HOURS

SCHEDULE

HUMAN FACTORS - 26 August 2026

Goals: To deepen participants' understanding of key human factors in road safety, including sensation, perception and attention in driving; to explore persuasive communication and effective message design in road safety sensitization campaigns; and to exchange country-specific campaign examples.

TIMETABLE:

9:00 - 10:30	The role of sensation & perception in safe driving *(Hélène Dirix, P h.D. - Transportation Research Institute, Hasselt University, Belgium: lecture)*
10:30 - 10:40	**Short break**
10:40 - 11:40	The role of attention in safe driving *(Hélène Dirix, Ph.D. - Trans portation Research Institute, Hasselt University, Belgium: lec ture)*
11:40 - 12:00	**Coffee break**
12:00 - 13:00	Persuasive communication and road safety sensitization: key-concepts, evidence for effectiveness and best practices *(Hélène Dirix, Ph.D. - Transportation Research Institute, Hasselt University, Belgium: guided online self-study)**
13:00 - 13:45	**Lunch break**
13:45 - 14:45	Strategies for message design: critical success parameters and illustrative examples *(Hélène Dirix, Ph.D. - Transportation Re search Institute, Hasselt University, Belgium: interactive session)*
14:45 - 15:00	**Short break**
15:00 - 16:00	Country-specific illustrations of road safety campaigns *(Pre pared and presented by summer school participants: interactive session)***

Free evening

*Participants need to bring their laptops to access the online materials

**Participants need to prepare the materials, i.e. illustrate (preferably by means of visual images and tv-trailers) how sensitization campaigns in their respective countries have tried to influence risk-related opinions & emotions road safety in the past.

SCHEDULE

4. DAY

6.15 HOURS

ROAD AND ENVIRONMENT - 27 August 2026

GOALS: To learn key principles of safe road design and to apply theoretical knowledge through group work; to gain insight into roundabout design and its safety effects in real-world traffic scenarios.

TIMETABLE:

9:00 - 10:00	Principles of Safe Road Design – **Part 1** *(Prof. Ali Pirdavani, Ph.D. - Faculty of Engineering Technology, Hasselt University, Belgium)*
10:00 - 10:10	Short break
10:10 - 11:10	Principles of Safe Road Design – **Part 2** *(Prof. Ali Pirdavani, Ph.D. - Faculty of Engineering Technology, Hasselt University, Belgium)*
11:10 - 12:40	Principles of Safe Road Design – Group work - **Part 1** *(Prof. Ali Pirda vani, Ph.D. - Faculty of Engineering Technology, Hasselt University, Bel gium)*
12:40 - 13:15	Lunch break
13:15 - 14:30	Principles of Safe Road Design – Group work - **Part 2** *(Prof. Ali , Ph.D. - Faculty of Engineering Technology, Hasselt University, Bel gium)*
14:30 - 14:45	Short break
14:45 - 15:30	Roundabout Designs and Their Safety Effects – **Part 1** *(Assoc. Prof. Luka Novačko, Ph.D. – Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, Uni versity of Zagreb)*
15:30 - 15:40	Short break
15:40 - 16:25	Roundabout Designs and Their Safety Effects – **Part 2** *(Assoc. Prof. Luka Novačko, Ph.D. – Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, Uni versity of Zagreb)*

Free evening

5. DAY

6 HOURS

SCHEDULE

ROAD SAFETY SYSTEMS - 28 August 2026

GOAL: To familiarize participants with different road restrain systems and crash cushions; to introduce participants to safe road design for motorcyclists; to introduce participants with smart systems for guardrails; to learn how to apply crash modification factors.

TIMETABLE:

9:00 - 10:00	Vehicle Restraint Systems *(Tim Tusar - Saferoad Restraint Systems, Germany)*
10:00 - 10:10	Short break
10:10 - 11:10	Crash Cushions *(Tim Tusar - Saferoad Restraint Systems, Germany)*
11:10 - 11:25	Coffee break
11:25 - 12:25	Road Design and Motorcycle Safety *(Marija Ferko, Ph.D. - Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb)*
12:25 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 - 14:00	Smart Roadside Guardrails for Improved Road Safety -- Case Study for Motorcyclist Safety *(Darko Žvan – Micro-Link Ltd., Croatia)*
14:00 - 14:10	Short break
14:10 - 15:10	Crash Modification Factors *(Prof. Carmelo D'Agostino, Ph.D. - Lund University, Sweden)*
15:10 - 15:20	Short break
15:20 - 16:20	Surrogate Safety Measures *(Prof. Carmelo D'Agostino, Ph.D. - Lund University, Sweden)*

Free evening

6. DAY

5 HOURS

SCHEDULE

CRASH ANALYSIS - 29 August 2026

GOAL: To explore the role of event data recorders in traffic accident analysis; to introduce participants to impact of vehicle technical inspections on road safety; to introduce participants to the Black Spot Identification; to show participants a real crash test at a test site.

TIMETABLE:

09:00 - 10:00	Crash analysis using data from Event Data Recorder *(Assoc. Prof. Željko Šarić, Ph.D. - Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb)*
10:00 - 10:15	**Coffee break**
10:15 - 11:15	Impact of vehicle technical inspections on road traffic safety *(Prof. Goran Zovak, Ph.D. - Center for Vehicles of Croatia / Faculty of Trans port and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb)*
11:15 - 11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30 – 12:30	Human factors in autonomous era *(Assoc. Prof. Siyang Zhang, Ph.D. - Tongji University, Shanghai, China)*
12:30 - 13:30	**Lunch break**
13:30 - 15:30	Crash test

Free evening

Sunday
30 August 2026

Optional extracurricular activities:

1. Excursion to the Plitvice Lakes National Park
2. Excursion to Zagorje County, visit to Baroque castles, visit to Krapina Neanderthal Museum
3. Excursion to the City of Karlovac and Ozalj

*Costs of the optional extracurricular activities are not included in the participation fee

Use your free time to relax, explore, and make new friends.

7. DAY

6 HOURS

SCHEDULE

ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT – 31 August 2026

GOAL: To explore key aspects of road safety through case studies; to assess safety performance, to understand the framework of road safety audits; to gain insights into global practices through the iRAP assessment methodology.

TIMETABLE:

09:00 - 10:00	Black spots: Croatian case studies *(Slaviša Babić, MSc. Eng. - Croatian Roads, Ltd.)*
10:00 - 10:10	Short break
10:10 - 11:10	How to Measure Safety? – *(Prof. Attila Borsos, Ph.D. - University of Győr, Hungary)*
11:10 - 11:25	Coffee break
11:25 - 12:25	Basic Framework for Road Safety Audits & Inspection *(Prof. Attila Borsos, Ph.D. - University of Győr, Hungary)*
12:25 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 - 14:00	First-Hand Experiences of Road Safety Audits *(Assoc. Prof. Dániel Miletics, Ph.D. - University of Győr, Hungary)*
14:00 - 14:10	Short break
14:10 – 15: 10	Road Safety Inspection case studies - Group work *(Prof. Attila Borsos, Ph.D. and Assoc. Prof. Dániel Miletics, Ph.D. - University of Győr, Hungary)*
15:10 - 15:20	Short break
15:20 – 16:20	iRAP – Experience with Road Safety Assessment Worldwide *(Assoc. Prof. Marko Ševrović, Ph.D. - Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia)*

Free evening

8. DAY

7 HOURS

SCHEDULE

ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT – FIELD WORK – 1 September 2026

GOAL: To use the knowledge acquired in theoretical lectures to conduct a road safety inspection on a real road; to identify potential safety issues and discuss potential solutions based on group work.

TIMETABLE:

09:00 - 13:00	Road Safety Inspection – field work *(Juraj Leonard Vertlberg, Ph.D.; Marko Švajda, MSc. Traff. Eng. - Faculty of Transport and Traf fic Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia)*
13:00 - 13:30	**Lunch break**
13:30 - 16:30	Road Safety Inspection – Group work on a case study – *(Juraj Leonard Vertlberg, Ph.D.; Marko Švajda, MSc. Traff. Eng. - Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia)*
20:00	**Gala dinner** (costs included in the participation fee)

NOTES AND CONTACTS

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   Expert in the field of road safety and crash modification factors
2. **Asst. Prof. Dario Babić, Ph.D. – Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia**
   Expert in the field of traffic signalling and road safety
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5. **Harrald Bobeck – Brite-Line LLC, Germany**
   Expert in the field of road markings
6. **Prof. Attila Borsos, Ph.D. – University of Győr, Hungary**
   Expert in the field of road safety
7. **Tim Dennis Tusar – Saferoad Restraint Systems**
   Expert in the field of Vehicle Restraint Systems and Passive Road Safety
8. **Hélène Dirix – Transportation Research Institute (IMOB), Hasselt University, Belgium**
   Expert in traffic psychology
9. **Jan Droege – Brite-Line LLC, Germany**
   Expert in the field of of road safety
10. **Marija Ferko, Ph.D. – Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia**
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    Expert in the field of intelligent sensors
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