

European Commission  
Directorate-General for Energy and Transport  
Inland Transport



# Croatia - Turkey



## Screening Land Transport

Brussels, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006

# Driving Licences

Alexander von Campenhausen

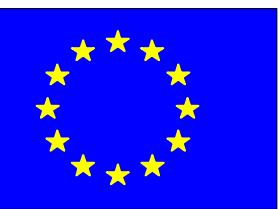


**Legal act:**  
**COUNCIL DIRECTIVE**  
**of 29 July 1991**  
**on driving licences**  
**(91/439/EEC).**



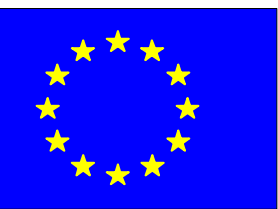
## Objectives

- improving road traffic safety,
- facilitate the movement of persons
- harmonisation of categories for vehicles
- minimum requirements for the issue of a driving licence
- fight fraud



# History

- **First driving licence Directive 80/1263/EEC:** principle of obligatory exchange of driving licences
- **Second driving licence Directive 91/439/EEC:**
  - ◆ principal of mutual recognition,
  - ◆ harmonisation of:
    - ☞ the driving licence categories,
    - ☞ issuing conditions,
    - ☞ minimum age requirements for the different categories
    - ☞ requirements for the theory and practical tests and
    - ☞ minimum standards of physical and mental health.



## Mutual recognition Art. 1 (2)

*Driving licences issued by Member States shall be mutually recognized.*

- The recognition is unconditional.
- Compulsory registration, testing, exchange etc. is not allowed.
- The conditions of issuance are to be proved by the issuing Member State only.



# Community Model

- National Driving Licence have to comply with the Community model described in the Directive (Annex )
- Paper and plastic model
- Avoid any risk of forgery of driving licences.
- No microchip yet

Form with fields for: 1. OTHER NAMES, 2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, 3. RESIDENCE, 4. PHOTO, 5. NUMBER, 6. RESIDENCE, 7. SIGNATURE OF HOLDER. Categories: A1, A, B, B1, C, C1, D, D1, E, E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6, E7, E8, E9, E10, E11, E12, E13, E14, E15, E16, E17, E18, E19, E20, E21, E22, E23, E24, E25, E26, E27, E28, E29, E30, E31, E32, E33, E34, E35, E36, E37, E38, E39, E40, E41, E42, E43, E44, E45, E46, E47, E48, E49, E50, E51, E52, E53, E54, E55, E56, E57, E58, E59, E60, E61, E62, E63, E64, E65, E66, E67, E68, E69, E70, E71, E72, E73, E74, E75, E76, E77, E78, E79, E80, E81, E82, E83, E84, E85, E86, E87, E88, E89, E90, E91, E92, E93, E94, E95, E96, E97, E98, E99, E100.

Form with fields for: 1. OTHER NAMES, 2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, 3. RESIDENCE, 4. PHOTO, 5. NUMBER, 6. RESIDENCE, 7. SIGNATURE OF HOLDER. Categories: A1, A, B, B1, C, C1, D, D1, E, E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6, E7, E8, E9, E10, E11, E12, E13, E14, E15, E16, E17, E18, E19, E20, E21, E22, E23, E24, E25, E26, E27, E28, E29, E30, E31, E32, E33, E34, E35, E36, E37, E38, E39, E40, E41, E42, E43, E44, E45, E46, E47, E48, E49, E50, E51, E52, E53, E54, E55, E56, E57, E58, E59, E60, E61, E62, E63, E64, E65, E66, E67, E68, E69, E70, E71, E72, E73, E74, E75, E76, E77, E78, E79, E80, E81, E82, E83, E84, E85, E86, E87, E88, E89, E90, E91, E92, E93, E94, E95, E96, E97, E98, E99, E100.

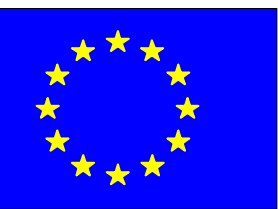
Form with fields for: 1. OTHER NAMES, 2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, 3. RESIDENCE, 4. PHOTO, 5. NUMBER, 6. RESIDENCE, 7. SIGNATURE OF HOLDER. Categories: A1, A, B, B1, C, C1, D, D1, E, E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6, E7, E8, E9, E10, E11, E12, E13, E14, E15, E16, E17, E18, E19, E20, E21, E22, E23, E24, E25, E26, E27, E28, E29, E30, E31, E32, E33, E34, E35, E36, E37, E38, E39, E40, E41, E42, E43, E44, E45, E46, E47, E48, E49, E50, E51, E52, E53, E54, E55, E56, E57, E58, E59, E60, E61, E62, E63, E64, E65, E66, E67, E68, E69, E70, E71, E72, E73, E74, E75, E76, E77, E78, E79, E80, E81, E82, E83, E84, E85, E86, E87, E88, E89, E90, E91, E92, E93, E94, E95, E96, E97, E98, E99, E100.

Form with fields for: 1. OTHER NAMES, 2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, 3. RESIDENCE, 4. PHOTO, 5. NUMBER, 6. RESIDENCE, 7. SIGNATURE OF HOLDER. Categories: A1, A, B, B1, C, C1, D, D1, E, E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6, E7, E8, E9, E10, E11, E12, E13, E14, E15, E16, E17, E18, E19, E20, E21, E22, E23, E24, E25, E26, E27, E28, E29, E30, E31, E32, E33, E34, E35, E36, E37, E38, E39, E40, E41, E42, E43, E44, E45, E46, E47, E48, E49, E50, E51, E52, E53, E54, E55, E56, E57, E58, E59, E60, E61, E62, E63, E64, E65, E66, E67, E68, E69, E70, E71, E72, E73, E74, E75, E76, E77, E78, E79, E80, E81, E82, E83, E84, E85, E86, E87, E88, E89, E90, E91, E92, E93, E94, E95, E96, E97, E98, E99, E100.



# Categories are harmonised

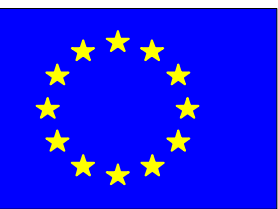
- Categories
  - ◆ A for motorcycles
  - ◆ B for Vehicles < 3,5 t
  - ◆ C for vehicles > 3,5 t
  - ◆ D for busses
  - ◆ E combinations with trailer (together with B, C or D)
- optional subcategories for
  - ◆ A1 smaller motorcycles
  - ◆ B1 tricycles and quadricycles
  - ◆ C1 vehicles >3.5 t < 7.5t
  - ◆ D1 buses with limited number of seats



# Conditions to drive and minimum age

- Limited condition to drive are marked with harmonised code (Annex 1)
- minimum age of drivers for different categories is harmonized
  - ◆ 16 years                      A1 and B1
  - ◆ 18 years                      A (with limits) B, C, BE, CE
  - ◆ 21 years                      full A. D, DE





## Further conditions

- test of skills and behaviour as ruled in annex II
- theoretical test as ruled in annex II
- meet medical standards as ruled in annex III
- principle of one driving licence in Europe
- permanent residence as defined in Article 9



## 3rd Driving licence directive

- New anti-fraud measures
  - ◆ Only plastic card
  - ◆ Limited administrative validity...
- Further harmonisation of categories
  - ◆ Mopeds: AM
  - ◆ Motorcycles: A1, A2, A
  - ◆ Categories B and BE
  - ◆ Categories C1, C1E, D1, D1E
- Progressive access to categories (age, dimensions)
- Harmonised periodicity medical checks for group 2
- Requirements for driving examiners: new Annex IV



## *Thank you for your attention*

- Commission transport website  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/index_en.html)
- Road transport section  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/road/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/road/index_en.htm)
- Driving licences  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/home/drivinglicence/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/home/drivinglicence/index_en.htm)