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FIEC voting recommendations

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Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management (COM(2018)0274 – C8-0196/2018 – 2018/0129(COD))

■ General comments

The collapse of the Genoa Bridge last August dramatically demonstrated the need for maintenance of our transport infrastructure, especially roads and bridges. The management and control of the level of these infrastructures becomes more necessary when we observe the ageing of these structures.

FIEC supports a strengthening of infrastructure controls and the use of new technologies to ensure the performance and sustainability of structures. FIEC is fully committed to this subject, which represents a security issue in the European Union.

FIEC warmly welcomes the proposals of the Rapporteur Daniela Aiuto on the revision of Directive 2008/96/EC, who wishes to further extend the scope of the Directive to include EU-funded roads in urban areas, but also tunnels, bridges and intersections not covered by Directive 2004/54/EC. For this reason, FIEC supports the following amendments:

■ Amendment 4

Proposal for a Directive Article 7 bis (new) Directive 2008/96/EC

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>(7 a) The road infrastructure safety management should also address elements related to the structural performance of the infrastructure that should be constantly monitored, including through the use of sensor in particular for bridges and tunnels.</i>

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■ Amendment 7

Proposal for a directive Recital 14

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
(14) In order to achieve transparency and improve accountability, key performance indicators should be reported.	(14) In order to achieve transparency and improve accountability, key performance indicators should be reported so that road users are informed about the state of the infrastructure and their awareness raised.

■ Amendment 16

Proposal for a directive Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 Directive 2008/96/EC Article 5 – paragraph 2

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
2. In carrying out the network-wide road assessment, Member States shall include the elements laid down in Annex III.	2. In carrying out the network-wide road assessment, Member States shall include the elements laid down in Annex III, and, inter alia, the presence of tunnels, bridges and intersections on the road network.

■ Amendment 17

Proposal for a directive Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3 Directive 2008/96/EC Article 5 – paragraph 2 a

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	2 a. The Commission shall publish guidelines to define a methodology to carry out the network-wide road

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■ Amendment 18

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 3
Directive 2008/96/EC
Article 5 – paragraph 3

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
<p>3. On the basis of the results of the assessment referred to in paragraph 1, Member States shall classify all sections of the road network in no fewer than three categories according to their in-built safety.</p>	<p>3. On the basis of the results of the assessment referred to in paragraph 1, Member States shall classify all sections of the road network in three categories according to their safety level, and, as regards bridges and tunnels, to their structural performance.</p>

■ Amendment 20

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 5
Directive 2008/96/EC
Article 6a – paragraph 3 a (new)

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<p>3 a. Member States shall in any case ensure adequate levels of intervention and maintenance to guarantee the safety of the infrastructure on the whole road network.</p>

■ Amendment 22

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 5
Directive 2008/96/EC
Article 6a – paragraph 3 c (new)

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>

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	<i>3 c. Member States shall ensure the structural safety with respect to both frequent and rare external actions, such as earthquakes, settlements, bridge scouts, flooding, fast and slow moving landslides, through a constant and adequate monitoring level.</i>
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■ Amendment 28

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 5
Directive 2008/96/EC
Article 6 c – paragraph 2 b (new)

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<i>2 b. Member States shall ensure that appropriate procedures are put in place in addition to the inspections to monitor the structural performance and the stability of the infrastructure through specific monitoring methodologies, such as the ones based on remote sensing or satellite control, in particular on bridges and tunnels, and, when relevant, on other sections of the road network. In situ tests of materials and an evaluation of the materials durability shall be implemented, in particular under aggressive environmental conditions.</i>

Justification

It is necessary to have a control of the structural performance performed also by sensors specific monitoring methodologies in order to have a constant monitoring of the safety related risks.

■ Amendment 46

Proposal for a directive
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 3
Directive 2008/96/EC
Annex II a – point 7 a (new)

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<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<p>7 a. Bridges and tunnels: (a) presence and number of bridges; (b) presence and number of tunnels; (c) existence of sensors for remote or satellite control of the structural performance and of the stability of the infrastructure; (d) visual elements representing safety hazards for the structural performance of the infrastructure.</p>

■ Amendment 49

Proposal for a directive
Annex I – paragraph 1 – point 4
Directive 2008/96/EC
Annex III – point 6 a (new)

<i>Text proposed by the Commission</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
	<p>6 a. Bridges and tunnels: (a) presence and number of bridges, including their relevant information (b) presence and number of tunnels, including their relevant information (c) existence of sensors for remote or satellite control of the structural performance and of the stability of the infrastructure; (d) visual elements representing safety hazards for the structural performance of the infrastructure.</p>