



# **A European Driving Training Curriculum: Dream or Reality?**

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# EFA main objectives

- **Harmonization of Education and Examination of Future Drivers**
- **Represent the values of Driving Schools to the EU Institutions**



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# EU Fragmented Training Scenario

Directive 2006/126/EC does not deal with driver training

NOVICE DRIVERS	AUSTRIA	ALBANIA	BELGIUM	CROATIA	CZECH REP.	DENMARK	ESTONIA	FINLAND	FRANCE	GB	GERMANY	HONG KONG	HUNGARY	ICELAND	ITALY	MOLDOVA	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	PORTUGAL	SLOVAKIA	SPAIN	
Do you have to pass a medical check to obtain B driving license?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is it possible start training for a cat B license before the age of 18 years?	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Are there compulsory driving theory lessons in your Country?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Is a Hazard Perception Test required?	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

# A Proposal of New EU Training Matrix

Everywhere **people** go to driving school **just to get a driver licence**, not to learn how to drive properly



The economy of the goal is to spend little money and achieve great results  
This often does not go hand in hand with road safety

# A Proposal of New EU Training Matrix

EFA is proposing to EU Institutions a **responsible driving training model** based on **awareness** of the risks associated with driving

EUROPEAN CAT "B" LICENCE		
	TO BE DONE IN DRIVING SCHOOL	SUGGESTED TO BE DONE IN DRIVING SCHOOL
	<i>(Depending by Country if testing)</i>	<i>(To be tested)</i>
<b>THEORY</b>	Norms of Behavior	Rules and Road Signs
	Road Safety	Marking
	Hazard Perception	Car Maintenance
	Liability & Responsibility	Hazard Perception Test
	Speed/Alcohol&Drugs/Distraction	Norms of Behavior
	Insurance Behavior	Insurance
	First Aid	Use the word Collision (is no accident)
	Road Collision Consequences	Victim Testimonies
<b>PRACTICAL</b>	By Night	Parking
	Rural Roads	Urban Roads
	High Speed Roads	Rural Roads
	Bad Weather Conditions	High Speed Roads
	ADAS	ADAS
	Eco-Driving	

# Why a New Training Model?

It is necessary to adapt **driving training and driving exam** to new vehicles

What are the minimum requirements of exams vehicles?

Is the duration of the current driving practical exam enough?

What will be the safe use of automated vehicles in traffic?

# Why a New Training Model?

	Did the Covid 19 lockdown change the waiting times for driving exams?			
	Theory Test		Practical Test	
	Before	After	Before	After
Albania	2	4	2	4
Austria	1	3	1	6
Belgium	0	3	4	10
Czech Republic	2	4	4	6
Denmark	3	6	3	6
Estonia	1	2	6	8
Finland	1	2	2	6
France	0	0	9	26
Germany	2	4	3	5
Hungary	2	2	2	2
Iceland	1	3	1	3
Italy	9	15	12	17
Moldova	1	1,5	1	2
Netherland	3	9	6	10
Norway	0	2	8	8
Portugal	1	6	1	2
UK	3	6	8	16

It is not possible to still have a 320 : 1 ratio today

**What is the 320 : 1 ratio?**



320 : 1

<b>Cars/Motos</b>	<b>100,000 €</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>50,000 €</b>
<b>Fees (tickets, parking, etc..)</b>	<b>20,000 €</b>
<b>Maintenance/Road Accident</b>	<b>20,000 €</b>
<b>Fuel/Toll (15.000 km/y)</b>	<b>130,000 €</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>320,000 €</b>

Did we spend  
1,000 € for  
Training?

“It is better to prevent than to treat”





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***Thank you for your attention***



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