



22. International Scientific-Professional Conference ROAD SAFETY IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES BSLZ 2027

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS AND GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLES

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SCIENCE → PRACTICE → MEASURABLE RESULTS
International scientific program in English + practical and professional program in local languages

INVITATION

We invite researchers, university lecturers, experts, representatives of public authorities, local governments, public and municipal utility companies, police, health and emergency services, road authorities, planners, designers, private-sector representatives, NGOs, students and all others working in road safety to take part in the 22nd International Conference "Road Safety in Local Communities – BSLZ 2027."

The conference is developing as a clearly profiled scientific and professional event with two interconnected parts:

- 1) Science and innovation in road safety
- 2) Good practice in road safety

CONFERENCE CONCEPT

PART I – SCIENCE & INNOVATION *Papers in English*

- scientific and invited papers
- international experience
- Safe System and Vision Zero
- AI, ITS, big data and digitalisation
- new methodologies and research
- automated and connected mobility

PART II – IMPLEMENTATION & GOOD PRACTICE *In English and regional languages*

- local strategies and action plans
- good practice examples
- utility systems and vehicle fleets
- workshops and practical demonstrations
- risk management and financing
- concrete solutions to local problems

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SUBJECT AREAS

SA 1 – ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Safe System and Vision Zero; strategies and action plans; institutional capacity; financing; results-based management.

SA 2 – SAFETY OF ROAD USERS

Children, young people, older people, pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and professional drivers; speed, alcohol, drugs, fatigue, distraction and protective systems.

SA 3 – SAFE ROAD AND STREET INFRASTRUCTURE

RSA/RSI, hazardous-location management, speed management, self-explaining and forgiving roads, intersections, school zones, vulnerable road users, roadworks...

SA 4 – VEHICLE SAFETY AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES

ADAS, automated and connected vehicles, electric vehicles, technical inspections, ITS, V2X, information and cyber security.

SA 5 – POST-CRASH ACTIVITIES

First aid, emergency medical services, rescue chain, eCall, service coordination, crash investigation and injury data.

SA 6 – SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY

Public transport, walking and cycling, micromobility, parking, Link & Place, accessibility, integration of safety and urban planning.

SA 7 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT: FROM STRATEGY TO RESULTS

Local councils, strategies and action plans, data- and evidence-based road safety, selection and prioritization of measures, budgeting, KPI monitoring, impact evaluation and examples from cities and municipalities.

SA 8 – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ROAD SAFETY

AI for predicting risk and crashes; computer vision and automated video analytics; detection of conflicts and near-miss events; AI in traffic management and ITS; digital twins; predictive maintenance; generative AI to support data analysis and decision-making; data quality, ethics, privacy and accountability.

SA 9 – ROAD SAFETY IN PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL UTILITY COMPANIES

Fleet safety management; ISO 39001; telematics and monitoring risky driving; training and fatigue management for professional drivers; safety of utility and special-purpose vehicles; street works and interventions; temporary traffic signs; winter maintenance; public lighting; parking; safety of workers, pedestrians and cyclists in work zones; incident analysis and learning from experience.

SA 10 – SCIENCE, EDUCATION, INNOVATION AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Scientific research, new methodologies, education and training, student papers, skills development and transfer of scientific knowledge into local practice.

SPECIAL FOCUSES BSLZ 2027

- 1 -

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – FROM ALGORITHMS TO SAFER DECISIONS

BSLZ 2027 will give special attention to how artificial intelligence can support professionals and decision-makers without replacing professional responsibility.

Papers, demonstrations and case studies are expected to show real-world AI applications in crash and conflict analysis, identifying risky locations and behaviours, speed management, infrastructure maintenance, intervention planning, fleet management and evaluation of measures.

- 2 -

SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY

Most cities and municipalities face questions about the sustainability of existing spatial-planning concepts, transport accessibility, balancing accessibility and mobility requirements, safety and sustainability.

Contemporary concepts and good-practice examples will be presented at the conference.

- 3 -

ROAD SAFETY IN MUNICIPAL UTILITY COMPANIES

Utility companies are present on streets and roads every day and are major vehicle users, employers of professional drivers and operators carrying out numerous interventions on transport infrastructure.

BSLZ 2027 will therefore focus on road safety in public and municipal utility companies, emphasising practical procedures, proven solutions, technology demonstrations and the exchange of experience that can be applied directly.

PARTICIPATION FORMATS

- Scientific paper – original research, methodology or evidence-based analysis (papers in English).
- Professional paper – analysis of a problem, procedure, technology or professional solution.
- Case study / good-practice example – concise outline: problem → measure → cost/resources → KPI → result → lesson learned.
- Panel discussion or round table – institutional, professional or cross-sector topic.
- Practical workshop / clinic – work on a specific issue faced by a local government or utility company.
- AI / Technology Demo – demonstration of a tool or system with a clearly shown road-safety application.
- Student paper and Young Researchers Session.

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS AND PARTICIPANTS

Scientific and professional papers will be peer-reviewed by selected experts. For the scientific part of the conference, priority will be given to original research papers with a clearly defined research question, methodology, results, and scientific and practical contribution. For the practical part, local governments, public and utility companies and other organizations are especially invited to submit good-practice examples, experience, solutions to concrete problems and measures to improve road safety.

Scientific papers are prepared and presented in English or in Serbian and other regional languages. Papers and presentations in the practical and regional program may be in Serbian and other regional languages. Detailed author guidelines, deadlines, templates and online submission instructions will be published on the conference website (bslz.org).

IMPORTANT DATES

Paper title and abstract must be submitted by **November 16, 2026** via hub.bslz.org.
Deadlines for full papers, reviews and early-bird registration will be announced later.

REGISTRATION FEE

Registration including accommodation at Hotel Omorika:	1/1 room	420 €
	1/2 room (<i>per person</i>)	360 €

Registration without accommodation costs **200€**.

** VAT is not included in the prices shown.*

The registration fee entitles participants to accreditation and access to all conference activities; a USB drive containing the proceedings; welcome cocktail, refreshments during breaks and gala dinner; social, sports and recreational activities; and a certificate of participation.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If participation is cancelled by 14 April 2027 at 17:00, the organizer will refund 50% of the amount paid. No refunds will be made for cancellations after that time.

PROPOSED PROGRAM STRUCTURE

21/04	Opening + International Plenary: International and European documents, global and European trends, the Safe System approach, and the situation in Serbia and the region <i>English</i>
22/04	Science & Innovation Day: AI, ITS, data science, infrastructure, automated mobility and scientific papers <i>English</i>
23/04	Local Delivery & Utility Safety Day: Local strategies, public utility companies, fleets, work-zone safety and AI in practice <i>Local languages</i>
24/04	Best Practice & Action Day: Good-practice examples, best papers, conclusions and Tara Road Safety Action Points 2027 <i>Local languages / English as needed</i>

ORGANISERS AND COMMITTEES

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Automobile and Motorcycle Association of Serbia, Belgrade;
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WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

*researchers and lecturers;
students and young researchers; decision-makers;
representatives of ministries, agencies,
police and the health sector; cities and municipalities;
local road safety councils; road authorities;
public transport operators; public and
municipal utility companies; parking services;
road, cleaning, water supply, district heating,
green-space and public-lighting companies;
designers and planners; insurers; IT and ITS companies;
equipment manufacturers; NGOs and the media.*

ACTIVITIES

*Keynote lectures; scientific and professional sessions;
oral presentations and posters; panel discussions; round tables;
AI/Technology Demo; practical workshops;
presentations by local governments and public utility companies;
equipment and services exhibition; student session;
networking; sports and recreational activities.*

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