

EEVC Terms of Reference

1. Name

The European Experimental Vehicle Committee will in future be known as the European Enhanced Vehicle-safety Committee (EEVC)

2. Terms of Reference

Article 1

The EEVC shall pursue the following main aims:

- Impartial scientific research in the field of vehicle safety
- Co-ordination of European research activities with regard to vehicle safety.

EEVC members are responsible to their own governments, but collectively decide on appropriate EEVC work programmes. As a scientifically neutral organisation within Europe, the EEVC may, if requested, provide impartial advice to European governments, the European Commission and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles (WP29), including its Groups of Experts, on vehicle safety. In this way, the EEVC may support specific research, evaluate technical proposals and define scientific tools (such as biomechanical criteria, test dummies, test procedures) needed for the further development of technical standards.

When invited the EEVC may be represented at international meetings to provide impartial and balanced scientific advice, conforming with the provisions of article 4 paragraph 7 and article 5 paragraph 3. It has no direct mandate to negotiate with regard to vehicle safety regulations.

Article 2

The government of any European country, which has sufficient scientific capacity to carry out practical research relevant to vehicle safety and is willing and able to contribute effectively to co-ordinated EEVC research programmes, may become a member of EEVC. Initially, the membership shall comprise those governments who were members of the European Experimental Vehicles Committee.

Application for membership by the governments of other European countries shall demonstrate that they have sufficient scientific capacity or are in a position effectively - to contribute to EEVC research. Application will be made to the steering committee who shall agree to their membership unless at least one-third of the existing member governments object.

Article 3

The EEVC shall consist of the steering committee and the working groups. The chairman of the steering committee shall be supported by a technical secretary in his work.

Article 4

Each member government shall appoint up to two representatives to the steering committee. These representatives shall be appointed by virtue of their technical expertise in vehicle safety ; one representative should have sufficient experience of international vehicle safety regulations and shall be a member of a government, the other representative should be mainly involved in the practical work of safety research activities. These members must conscientiously guard the impartiality of the EEVC and they must also ensure that the EEVCs' research is relevant to improving vehicle safety and is of high quality.



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The European Commission and the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations may participate in the meetings of the steering committee as observers.

The steering committee shall elect a chairman from amongst its members for a period of four years. The steering committee shall be convened at least twice a year.

The decisions of the steering committee shall insofar as possible be made by consensus but if necessary, by a simple majority of those member governments present with all member governments having one vote. In the case of an absent member government its vote may be delegated to another member having also one vote only. In the case of an amendment of these terms of reference or an application to dissolve the EEVC, a two thirds majority of all EEVC members shall be necessary for a decision.

The steering committee shall decide on work programmes and priorities with regard to the projects to be carried out.

The approval of the steering group is required before EEVC research may be published and distributed.

Working groups shall be convened by the steering committee. The steering committee shall nominate the chairpersons of the working groups. Mandates of the working groups shall be determined by the steering committee.

The chairperson of the steering committee shall represent the EEVC as and when required, although this responsibility may be delegated for certain questions for a limited period of time.

Article 5

The working groups shall consist of the scientific experts from the member countries. The experts from the various countries shall be requested to co-operate by their respective governments. Generally, each member country shall be represented in these groups by one principal expert who may be accompanied by an additional expert. The chairperson may act also as the national principal expert.

The working groups may, in case of special meetings and with the consent of the steering committee, invite technical and scientific experts from governments which are not members of the EEVC to co-operate and they may similarly invite experts from industry.

The working groups shall report to the steering committee. So far as possible, the conclusions of the working groups shall be achieved by consensus but in the event of unresolvable disagreements, the report must correctly reflect both the majority and minority views. Reports of the working groups must be adopted by the steering committee before they become official EEVC reports.

Article 6

In the case of research requested by the authorities of the European Union, the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations or the national authorities of the countries involved, relevant reports shall be submitted to those authorities.

The publication of the results of EEVC research shall require the consent of the steering committee.

Article 7

The costs of participation in the work of EEVC shall be borne by the member governments involved. The European Commission, the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations or other scientific bodies may also share the costs of research work sponsored by these institutions.