



IBEC CHARTER

1. Objectives

The International Benefits, Evaluation and Costs (IBEC) Working Group is chartered to achieve five objectives across the world:

- (1) Provide support on cost-benefits and cost-effectiveness analysis to government agencies, planners, producers, and implementers of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies, and ITS researchers.
- (2) Promote development of consistent and more reliable methodologies for the evaluation and deployment of ITS products and services.
- (3) Provide information to transportation professionals, decision-makers, and the general public on the measured costs and benefits of ITS deployment.
- (4) Share information regarding non-technical and institutional issues and lessons learned based on ITS project evaluations.
- (5) Promote the importance and relevance of professional evaluation and the added value of international cooperation through IBEC.

2. Membership

Membership is free of charge and is open to all individuals and organisations from around the world with an interest in ITS benefits, evaluation and costs. Membership will be actively encouraged so that all countries with an interest in ITS are adequately represented.

3. Management Committee

IBEC will have a Management Committee working to achieve IBEC objectives. The Management Committee will consist of around 15 IBEC members whose interests are in line with the objectives of IBEC and will broadly reflect the distribution of members world wide. Committee members will be selected and deselected at IBEC meetings with agreement from the majority of the Management Committee.

4. Chair and Vice Chair

The Management Committee will elect a Chair and Vice Chair each to serve a two-year term (one year as Vice Chair followed consecutively by one year as Chair). The Chair will be responsible for ensuring IBEC activities are consistent with the objectives, chairing IBEC meetings, and enforcing the code of conduct. The Vice Chair will support the work of the Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair will be based in different continents.

5. Meetings

Arrangements for IBEC meetings should be agreed by the majority of the Management Committee. Every year there will be an annual general meeting. This will normally be held during the ITS World Congress.

6. Elections

Elections for the Chair and Vice Chair will take place at annual general meetings. Nominations will be sent to the Secretariat at least 28 days in advance of the meeting, so that they can be forwarded to the Management Committee at least 21 days in advance of the meeting.

Members of the Management Committee who are unable to vote in person may vote by emailing the Secretariat at least five working days before the meeting at which the election will be held.

7. Secretariat

The Secretariat will be responsible for publicity, maintaining the website, communicating with the membership, and facilitating organisation of IBEC events. The appointment of the Secretariat will be agreed by the majority of the Management Committee.

8. Subgroups

The Management Committee may decide to open and close Subgroups.

9. Financing

IBEC is a non profit-distributing working group. The Management Committee may decide to charge for events but if it does so, any 'excess' on individual events will be reasonable and used exclusively for IBEC purposes. Sponsorship will be sought for Secretariat functions.

10. Code of Conduct

IBEC members are obliged to conduct themselves in an appropriate and civil manner. IBEC will not tolerate discrimination on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, national origin, or religion. IBEC members in breach of the code of conduct will be excluded from the Working Group.