



IMPORTANT INVITATION

Following months of struggle and appeals for an urgent solution regarding the limited stay period for professional drivers in the Schengen area, drivers from the Western Balkans continue to face arrests, deportations, and entry bans into Schengen countries. On a daily basis, according to the Association's records, dozens of Serbian drivers are being turned away from Schengen borders. Although the draft EU Visa Strategy and subsequent briefings clearly indicated that professional road freight drivers are recognized as a special category requiring a longer period of stay than the current 90 out of 180 days, it is obvious that there is a lack of will and desire within the European Commission and among member states to resolve this issue.

Since no effective or concrete solution has been provided since the January protests, carriers and their employees are forced to fight for their livelihood through the only remaining mechanism—a protest. This protest will begin on September 14, 2026, at all border crossings leading to the EU, alongside colleagues from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and North Macedonia.

As a final appeal to reason directed at the European Commission and Schengen member states, a peaceful public gathering will be held in front of the EU Delegation headquarters in all four countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia). Carriers and drivers will submit the same official appeal, making a final plea to prevent carriers and drivers from having to seek a solution through border protests.

For this reason, we invite all carriers, employees of companies engaged in international transport of goods and passengers, their families, and others to be part of this peaceful but highly important gathering, which will take place according to the following schedule:



MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026



From 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm



**EU DELEGATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA
Avenija 19a, Vladimira Popovica 40/V,
Belgrade, Republic of Serbia**

WE HEREBY ASK ALL COLLEAGUES ASSOCIATED WITH ROAD TRANSPORT, AS WELL AS EVERYONE ELSE SENDING US THEIR SUPPORT, TO JOIN SERBIAN CARRIERS THIS MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026, AND HELP THEM FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT OF THEIR DRIVERS TO WORK FREELY.

If a professional driver from the Western Balkans is safe for the EU for 90 days, why does he become a threat to the EU on the 91st day, getting arrested, deported, and banned from entering Schengen? This is a question to which no one has an answer, not even the European Commission.

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