

CIV 2026

Final Report

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New Initiatives Project Title:

Cooperative Interactive Vehicles Summer School 2025

In short: CIV2025

Please note CIV 2025 was not funded as an initiative but decided voluntarily to submit this report to provide accountability for the grant received.

Project Duration:

Enter as Month/Year to Month/Year. For example: 03/2025-12/2025

01/09/2025-05/09/2025

Approved Total Budget:

Enter as \$12345.67.

\$60060.00 (precisely CHF 46 656)

Project Goal and Short Descriptions:

Include the project goal and short descriptions of the project.

The full program, illustrated, is on the web site: <https://civ-summerschool.org/>

The week-long program featured:

- Expert lectures from leading researchers and industry practitioners covering the full spectrum of ITS technologies, including automated and connected driving, cooperative perception, and vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communication
- Hands-on workshops providing practical experience with cutting-edge tools and methodologies in autonomous vehicle development

- Industry sessions bridging academic research with real-world deployment challenges
- Collaborative group projects enabling participants to work on emerging research problems
- Poster sessions where attendees present their ongoing research and receive feedback from peers and experts

Networking events fostering connections between participants, instructors, and industry partners.

Completed Project Tasks and Milestones:

Include completed project tasks and milestones.

The Summer School is a 4 days gathering. The project was split into several phases:

- Before April, 2025: Preparation (dates, place, logistics)
- April 3rd: Application form opens
- May 18th: First deadline. Applications submitted before this deadline will be processed.
- May 26th: Results of first applications (all were accepted)
- May 26th – August 15th: In case places are still available, application on a first-arrived first-served basis.
- August 16th: Application form closes
- Sept. 1st – 5th: Summer School

There was also a special process to grant a fees waiver to 2 students (Inclusivity Program). Granted to 1 from India, 1 from Egypt.

Report on Budget Usage:

Include main categories of your budget spending and approximated amount.

Accounting conducted in CHF; figures converted to USD at 1 CHF = 1.13 USD)

CIV 2025 Summer School – Expenses

Expenses were made on an assumption of 36 attendees while there was only 34 (23 paying + 2 free + 9 lecturers)

Expense Summary Table

Activity	Amount (\$)	% of Budget
Accommodation	18,934	36,00 %
Catering	15,304	29,00 %
Speaker travel	7,91	15,00 %
Program & management	5,771	11,00 %
Venue	2,825	5,00 %
Transportation	1,978	4,00 %
Total Expenses	52,722	100,00 %

Revenue Summary Table

Source	Amount (\$)	% of Revenue
Registration fees	28,928	53%
Single room supplements	1,695	3%
Sponsorship	23,571	44%
Total Revenue	54,194	100%

The 2025 edition achieved a balanced budget with a modest surplus of \$1,472. Registration income covered 53% of costs, demonstrating solid participant demand. Sponsorship filled the remaining gap, confirming the funding model's viability. The largest expense categories was accommodation (36%) and catering (29%). It reflects the residential nature of the program. This surplus has been carried forward to support CIV 2026. The budget was part of the Foundation of Mines Paris – PSL University to ensure full traceability and that money cannot be diverted.

Benefits to the IEEE ITSS:

Include the potential benefits to the growth of IEEE ITSS and its activity areas upon completion of the project (membership, conferences, publications, education, technical activities, standards, and outreach).

The main benefits for IEEE ITSS are:

- **Education:** The summer school provides ITSS with the recorded lectures. CIV is one of the few providers of such material: <https://ieee-itss.org/educational-activities/>.
- **Technical Activities:** The summer school in itself facilitates technical activities like SDA-TC: <https://ieee-itss.org/chapters-committees/self-driving-automobiles/>.
- **Membership:** Arnaud de La Fortelle is part of the Membership Standing Committee. Also, CIV encourages diversity and this promotes publicly ITSS since the 2 fee waivers provided by CIV are directly linked to ITSS grant.

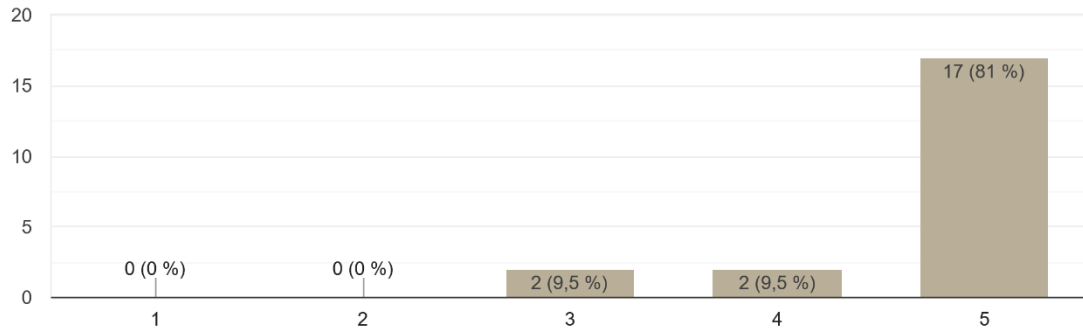
Lessons Learned:

Please include the following points: 1) Assessment of whether your project's objectives and goals are met. 2) Summary of what went right in your project. 3) Summary of what went wrong with your project. 4) Suggestions for improvements.

The CIV 2025 edition was a success first because all attendees, including speakers, were very satisfied. A questionnaire was filled by 21 out of 25 participants, which is already a success metric:

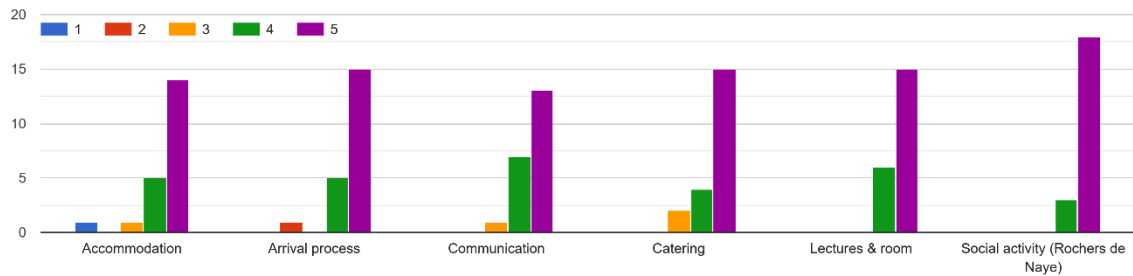
Overall, how satisfied are you with your participation in the summer school?

21 réponses



Moreover, the preparation efforts were also met with success:

How satisfied are you with the logistics?



The minus of this edition is the number of participants: 34, since the initial objective was 60. Due to optimization, the costs could be contained and financial equilibrium was met, but this number should increase. The largest editions were the 2017 (Germany) and 2018 (France) editions, but this was pre-Covid. Covid seriously disrupted the organization with next edition in 2022 (USA) and a large loss, shared by the labs of the 2 main organizers, Arnaud de La Fortelle and Christoph Stiller. 2025 was a try to restart the series and it was a success. Japan (Manabu Tsukada) is candidate for a 2026 edition and we believe getting yearly editions will facilitate visibility, hence participation. Note that CIV is co-organized by well-known and active ITSS members like Arnaud de La Fortelle, Christoph Stiller, Manabu Tsukada, Catherine Elias, or Sascha Hornauer. It gathers highly respected universities like UC Berkeley, Tokyo, KIT, Mines Paris – PSL.

NOTE: The Project Final Report must be submitted to the ITSS Vice President for Finance at lingxili@purdue.edu within (30) days upon completion of the project. Further funding requests will NOT be approved until the final report of the prior project is received.