

Help learning the Highway Code for immigrants

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Who are we?

National association (NGO) of retired persons whose objective is the **integration** of vulnerable groups

The Nantes team



The value of driving licence for migrants

▶ Passport to employment





Difficulties of the theory test in France (Le Code de la Route)

- ► Highly specialised vocabulary (A2/B1)
- ► Very complicated sentence structure
- ►The **exam** is considered **difficult** even for French speakers. Only 53% pass rate on 1st attempt.
 - ► Really **fearsome** for migrants.



The aims of the scheme

- ► Acquiring basic knowledge of the Highway Code
- ► Improving self-confidence
- Better understanding of the language and culture of the host country (courtesy)
- ▶ Contribution to equal access to driving licence, a key tool for social and professional integration

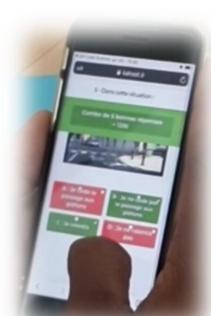


Our initiative « FEU-VERT »

- ► The aim **is not to teach** the entire highway code, but to **prepare** for driving school.
- ► An **active** teaching approach
- ► **Re-motivating** people







The challenges

- ► A **minimum level** of language fluency (**A2**) is required. Otherwise, it can have the reverse effect and even be discouraging.
- ► The test is difficult to pass and **personal effort** is required (understanding and learning).
 - ► The Highway Code book is difficult to familiarize oneself with (index, etc.), and is sometimes their **first book**.
- ► The **diversity** of the audience may surprise some volunteers.



Success stories

- ▶ Very **proud** to pass an exam that is difficult even for French people.
- Social and **professional integration** is speeded, enabling enhanced **civic integration**.
- ► Improving the language level of the host country
- For 10 years, this initiative has been **highly appreciated** by our partners, and we are struggling to meet all the requests.



European outlooks

- Our initiative combines language learning, citizenship and road safety.
- ► It can be applied to any European context of mobility and integration.
- ▶ It represents a **human** and **practical** response to the challenges of **migrant inclusion**.

Thank you for your attention

