

Open call

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RESEARCH CALL UNDER ERA-NET TRANSPORT >>

The Danish Ministry for Transport, the Finnish Ministry for Transport and Communications, The French Ministry for Environment, Energy, Sustainable Development and the Sea (MEEDDM), The Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems (VINNOVA) and the Swiss Federal Roads Office (FEDRO) invite research proposals in the field of Road User Charging.

## The call in short

Open	18 November 2009
Close	18 February 2010
Total funds	1.14 million Euro
Consortia	A minimum of two partners from the funding countries
Focus	Road User Charging for passenger vehicles
Emphasis	New and innovative scientific knowledge Build on European research strongholds Interdisciplinary approach Dissemination of knowledge
Format	A fixed template must be used
Time frame	No fixed timeframe of project

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## The vision

The vision of the trans-national call is to support a long term sustainable transport system in Europe and enable sustainable mobility. Much work has been done in order to reduce negative external effects from road transport. Nevertheless, further efforts are needed to curb the growing emissions from transport and to lessen the negative effects of congestion. One of the potential tools is pricing instruments as Road User Charging (RUC).

Presently the development of road-pricing instruments has been focused on freight transport. The aim of this call is to create the knowledge needed to develop Road User Charges for passenger vehicles. Various European programmes and countries have launched research initiatives to develop methods, technologies and regulations for common use. A joint research initiative will strengthen research activities in the field, thereby creating synergies and added value for policy making and adaptation of RUC throughout Europe. Joining research initiatives and drawing on the best research capacities in Europe will ultimately lead to better research and ensure better use of the research resources in the field.

## Thematic focus and research scope

The joint call covers both policy and technology oriented research and development (R&D). A number of pressing issues have been identified that can be addressed

- (i) Acceptance of Road User Charging systems by the public and by commercial road users
- (ii) Interoperability of road user systems amongst the European countries
- (iii) Legal framework conditions for Road User Charging systems that are non-country specific
- (iv) Impact analysis and methodology to create the basis for the political decision making process

The outlined thematic focuses are further described. See [transport-era.net](http://transport-era.net) > Action Groups > ENT17 SURPRICE

### IF YOU WANT TO APPLY

Some overall guidelines

- The consortium must consist of a minimum of two partners from two of the funding countries
- The main applicant must be an institution/organisation/legal entity in one of the funding countries
- As a main principle each national funding body will fund national researchers
- National rules may apply as the call is funded through a virtual common pot
- The projects must be based on true cooperation, thus ensure a fair and even distribution of funds between partners
- The template for proposal must be used
- Proposals will be evaluated by a Joint Evaluation Group consisting of representative from the funding countries
- The funding bodies may also wish to conduct a national evaluation of proposals
- Full applications must be submitted no later than 16.00 CET on 18 February 2010 and send by the means of the template provided

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