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THE ERA-NET TRANSPORT PROGRAMME IN BRIEF

The ERA-NET TRANSPORT programme for the period 2004-2007 brings together the transport research programmes from eleven countries. The programme is financed from the EU's 6th Framework Programme to strengthen the European scientific base and support the structuring of the European Research Area (ERA).

The ERA-NET TRANSPORT aims at providing an instrument to the policy makers and at achieving an efficient trans-national research cooperation in the field of transport. This means the opening up of national research programmes to participate in the development of a joint vision, joint procedures, joint programming and joint project management in Member and Accession Countries.

The ERA-NET TRANSPORT cooperation is organised around specific research topics or programmes that can be pursued on a multilateral basis depending on the interests of the participating countries. It is also based on principles of voluntary participation and openness to new partners. Cooperation is increased step by step when a common approach to the research activities is valuable for each participating country. The goal of the programme is to expand the group with new partners and countries in order to ensure a stronger European cooperation in transport research.

MORE INFORMATION, PARTNERS AND WORKPLAN, SEE WWW.TRANSPORT-ERA.NET

TWO NEW PARTNERS: POLAND AND DENMARK JOINED THE ENT

The existing consortium and the commitment of all partners was the basis for the first results in an already sophisticated programme. When Poland and Denmark joined the consortium in the beginning of 2005, the ERA-NET TRANSPORT followed its original principles and objectives and heightened the level of ambition even further.

By enlarging the consortium and broadening the scope of activities, the ERA-NET TRANSPORT aims at achieving a stronger foundation and more knowledge of the mechanisms and tools necessary to achieve the European Research Area and to enable even larger degree of coordination and cooperation of existing and future transport research projects and programmes.

Poland and Denmark are both countries that are at the moment in a process of setting up or resetting their national transport research strategies and programming. The ERA-NET TRANSPORT has therefore a new task, which aims at developing guidelines for setting up or resetting national transport research strategies and programmes structurally open for cross-border cooperation.

The new partners are the national key players in transport research in their respective countries. The Polish partner is the Ministry of Scientific Research and Information Technology. It is responsible for the strategic and political steering of national transport research and transport research policy. The Danish partner is the Danish Ministry of Transport. The main political plans and strategies regarding transport research in Denmark are developed and formulated by the Ministry.

SUMMARY OF THE DESCRIPTION OF WORK NOW AVAILABLE!

What is the ERA-NET TRANSPORT programme? What does it do? What are its objectives and benefits? Who are the partners in the programme? To find out all these, please check out a summary of the Description of Work. It provides a more detailed overview of the structure, aims and the partners of the ERA-NET TRANSPORT and can be downloaded at www.transport-era.net under »documents«

THE ERA-NET TRANSPORT WEBSITE

The ERA-NET TRANSPORT website www.transport-era.net was launched in April 2004. Now it has been updated and first reports of the programme are available for download!

The ERA-NET TRANSPORT website functions as the main repository of knowledge generated by the programme. Please find out from the website:

Basic information about the ERA-NET TRANSPORT

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First reports, brochure and other documents under »Documents«

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TWO NEW REPORTS FROM THE ERA-NET TRANSPORT

OVERVIEW ON RESEARCH PROGRAMMING AND COOPERATION MECHANISMS

is an overview on transport research programming in 13 European countries. The overview was conducted as a benchmarking survey (smart bench), analysing national transport research policy and give a short overview on the knowledge and innovation systems in national transport research.

In European countries policy regimes in transport research policy are diverse. Although the institutional structures of national transport research funding and programming (focus within the survey) are quite similar, policy arrangements and sectoral governance are varying due to different policy regimes.

This survey was conducted within work package 1 of ENT by a team of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology and ARC systems research. It is a further step within ENT to develop a framework to forward trans-national cooperation in Transport Research Policy in the coming years.

The report is available on www.transport-era.net, under »documents«

TRANS-NATIONAL TRANSPORT RESEARCH ROAD MAP

A unique overview of 235 transport research programmes from 17 European countries. The programmes are organised according to their policy objective, transport sector (passenger, freight), transport mode, geographic scale, position in the policy cycle and type of policy tool.

Based on the survey six areas where the potential for trans-national cooperation is high has been selected. They will form the basis for the concrete cooperation to take place in ERA-NET TRANSPORT in the coming years.

The report is written by a team at the Dutch AVV Transport Research Centre, Connekt and SenterNovem, under the lead of the Dutch Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management (WP2), **available on www.transport-era.net, under »documents«**

RESEARCH COOPERATION ON »ITS AND RELIABILITY IN PASSENGER TRANSPORT«

TARGETED WORKSHOP 1

The first initiative to create cross-national cooperation in ongoing and coming national based transport research took place in Paris 29th-30th of November 2004. Seven potentially suitable topics for cooperation have been indentified.

Reliability is a major element of the quality of service in the transport system. Several recent studies have also shown that in urban areas it has become even more important than the average speed on the transport network. Intelligent transport systems (ITS) provide a spectrum of technology solutions, which can help to improve the reliability of the networks.

The targeted workshop was the first step of the ERA-NET TRANSPORT to start implementing cooperation activities by pinpointing a number of specific projects that could be set up within a year and one potential topic for a joint call, which several ERA-NET TRANSPORT partners could prepare together in order to launch it in 2005.

At the workshop seven »Action groups« were started on the following topics:

- ECall »plus«/service platform
- Traffic data interface library
- Real-time data collection: overview of sensor research
- Business models for data collection and use: focus on real time data and multimodal issues
- Trans-national architecture for multimodal information
- Incident management in public transport (e.g. for elderly and impaired people)
- Real-time data handling: modeling and short-term forecasting.

The »**Action groups**« are preparing position papers about their topics and will have meetings during the first half of 2005. During that process the suitable types of cooperation will be determined and implemented.

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