



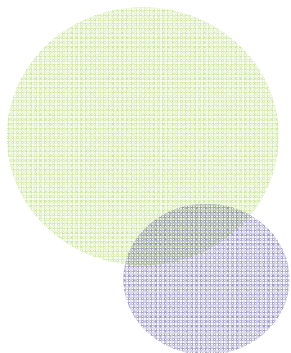
# European Conference of Transport Research Institutes



The European Conference of Transport Research Institutes (ECTRI) was officially founded in April 2003 by 15 national transport research institutes and universities from 13 European countries.

ECTRI is the first attempt to unite the forces of the foremost multimodal transport research centres across Europe and to thereby promote the excellence of European transport research.

ECTRI is an international non-profit association registered in France. Today, it includes 20 institutes or universities from 17 European countries. Together, they account for more than 3,000 European scientific and research staff in the field of transport.



# ECTRI Objectives

The vision of ECTRI is an efficient, integral European transport system that provides completely safe, secure and sustainable mobility for people and goods. To move towards its vision, ECTRI is committed to provide the scientifically based competence, knowledge and advice. ECTRI's core values are intellectual independence, transparency and scientific excellence.

ECTRI's long-term vision is to create a network of excellent research institutes by combining the strengths and potential of all its members and using their expertise and/or infrastructure.

Beyond this overall vision, ECTRI's main goals within the European Research Area are as follows:

- To be a closely knit and institutionalised network of competence centres within European transport planning and research.*
- To be the foremost representative of European transport research institutes and an important platform for a cross-cutting, mode-neutral outlook on transport planning and policy.*
- To include among its members the foremost centres of excellence in multimodal transport research within their respective European countries.*
- To be a preferred scientific partner of dialogue to the European Commission in matters related to transport planning and policy.*
- To develop and support leading and widely recognised channels of dissemination of transport research results (as the European Transport Research Review - ETRR).*
- To support and assist its members in becoming, within their respective countries, the most active and successful contributors to the European Union's framework programmes of research.*
- To be perceived globally, in view of the achievement of the above, as a legitimate and respected representative of the European transport research community.*

ECTRI's main subjects areas focus are:

- Sustainable transport systems, including alternative fuels
- Intelligent transport systems, including ICT and Galileo
- Traffic and transport safety and security
- Behavioural and societal aspects of traffic and transport
- Transport economics
- Transport systems of the future



## Organisation

As of January 2007, the ECTRI President is Guy Bourgeois, Managing Director of INRETS, the French National Institute for Transport and Safety Research. Dietmar Wurzel of DLR, the German Aerospace Centre, is the Secretary General. His office is located in Brussels. The ECTRI Secretariat, based in Lyon, is composed of three full-time staff: Caroline Alméras, Project Officer; Lucile Murier-Mendoza, Communications Assistant; and Aurélie Fischer, Junior Project Officer. Willy Diddens of DVS, The Netherlands, is seconding on a part-time basis.

ECTRI is managed by the Assembly of Members, its highest organ, and the Board. The Assembly is composed of one representative from each Institute, generally the Executive Director. The seven Board members are elected for two years.

*The ECTRI Board 2007 - 2009:*

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| <i>President:</i>      | <i>Guy Bourgeois, INRETS, France</i>                 |
| <i>Vice President:</i> | <i>Josef Mikulik, CDV, Czech Republic</i>            |
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| <i>Secretary:</i>      | <i>Dietmar Wurzel, DLR, Germany</i>                  |
| <i>Members:</i>        | <i>Joris Al, DVS, The Netherlands</i>                |
|                        | <i>Lasse Fridstrøm, TØI, Norway</i>                  |
|                        | <i>Niels Buus Kristensen, DTU-Transport, Denmark</i> |



## ECTRI Members

ECTRI members are 'focus research'-oriented organisations and some of them deal with cutting-edge research issues. They are involved in regional, national, European and international programmes. All ECTRI members have a cross-cutting, multimodal perspective on transport research.

ECTRI welcomes new members and actively supports the integration of organisations from the new member states, accession countries and Western Balkan countries.

Transport research organisations or universities which would like to become ECTRI members are requested to comply with the ECTRI statutes, cooperation agreement and fees level. The membership is opened to any institute performing multimodal or uni-modal (with a multimodal approach) transport research. By assembling members from different transport modes, ECTRI upholds its position as the only truly multi-modal association in surface transport research. If there is no official national transport research institute, the applicant has to be a national hub of transport research teams in its country at the academic level. Such an option is materialised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by these research teams.

# Activities

The activities of ECTRI are defined in a three-year Joint Programme of Activities (JPA). They are organised along transversal and thematic working groups and task forces.

## Transversal Working Groups

There are currently three process-oriented working groups:

- **Mobility and training:** Promotion of human resources and mobility (moderator: *POLITO*).
- **Hard research facilities:** Establishment of a European transport research facilities agenda (moderator: *Fraunhofer*).
- **Soft research infrastructures:** Establishment of a European transport research soft infrastructures agenda, notably for libraries, databases and datasets (moderator: *DLR*).

## Thematic Working Groups (TWGs)

There are currently 8 content-oriented TWGs in ECTRI, which represent ECTRI's core activities. This Thematic Working Group initiative intends to strengthen the scientific cooperation between ECTRI's members and increase ECTRI's competence in Science, Research and Development.

1. **Urban Mobility** (28 researchers), moderator Claire Niclause from INRETS
2. **Traffic Safety and Security** (16 researchers), moderator Pieter Van Vliet from DVS
3. **Energy and Climate change** (24 researchers), moderator Robert Sausen from DLR
4. **Freight Transport** (21 researchers), moderator Andreas Lischke from DLR
5. **Intelligent Transport Systems & Intelligent Infrastructures** (23 researchers), moderator Stéphane Espié from INRETS
6. **Mobility** (15 researchers), moderator Claudia Nobis from DLR
7. **Transport Economics & Policy** (24 researchers), moderator Ariane Dupont-Kieffer from INRETS
8. **Transport, Urban Environment and Health** (19 researchers), moderator Ronny Klæboe from TØI

## Task Forces



ECTRI establishes Task Forces to take up specific assignments. The current ECTRI task forces are the following:

### - Creation of an online European journal on transport research - ETRR

Participants: *INRETS* (moderator), *DLR*, *KTI*, *POLITO*, *TNO*, *TØI*, *TTEF* and *UPM*

Website: <http://www.springer.com/12544>

### - Preparation of state of the art reports

Participants: *DVS* (moderator), *DLR*, *DTU-Transport*, *INRETS*, *TØI*, *TRL*, *UPM* and *VTI*

### - Compilation of benchmarking reports

Effort undertaken by all ECTRI members

## Young Researchers Seminars

Within the framework of its training activities, ECTRI is jointly organising with FERSI and FEHRL organisations, Young Researchers Seminars. These seminars give young researchers from their member institutes the opportunity to present the results of their research during multicultural and interdisciplinary European tutorials supervised by senior researchers.

The senior researchers, acting as tutors, make recommendations to the young researchers for their future presentations.

At the end of the seminar, an award is given for the three best presentations (written and oral) by the Steering Committee, composed of two senior representatives from each organisation.

Three Young Researchers Seminars have taken place until now: in Lyon-France in December 2003; in The Hague-The Netherlands in May 2005; and in Brno-Czech Republic in May 2007.



The next Young Researchers Seminar will be organised in Torino, Italy - June 3-5, 2009

More information about Young Researchers Seminars is available on the ECTRI website

## Involvement of ECTRI and ECTRI members in European Projects

ECTRI members are greatly involved in five COST actions and in FP7 transport research projects, with about 84 projects retained for negotiation for the first and second calls, related to various thematic issues (ITS, Economy, safety & security...) and to all surface transport modes.



ECTRI supports its members in formulating and promoting joint research proposals within the current Framework Programme, other programmes and calls. ECTRI particularly supports four surface transport related Networks of Excellence and Virtual Centres of Excellence in which some ECTRI members are participating (HUMANIST VCE, APSN-ISN, EURNEX and NEARCTIS).



ECTRI has developed the NET-TRACK project, which began in October 2005. Its aim was to involve leading research institutes from new member states, accession countries and Western Balkan countries in current European research efforts, notably in research management and in soft research infrastructures issues. More information: <http://www.ectri.org/nettrack>



ECTRI was also involved with 6 other partners (UITP (Coordinator), TUD, CERTU, ASSTRA, POLIS, EMTA) in the EURFORUM project, a Coordination Action funded by the EC under its FP6, which issued a strategic research agenda on Urban Mobility. More information: <http://www.eurforum.net>



## European and international interfacing

On the European scene, ECTRI and its members are involved in a number of activities:

- ✓ Plenary and steering groups of ERRAC (European Rail Research Advisory Council), ERTRAC (European Road Transport Research Advisory Council) and Waterborne Technology Platforms,
- ✓ Information Society Technologies Advisory Group (ISTAG) and Transport Advisory Group (TAG),
- ✓ Representation in eSafety Forum at the plenary meetings, the steering group and the working groups.

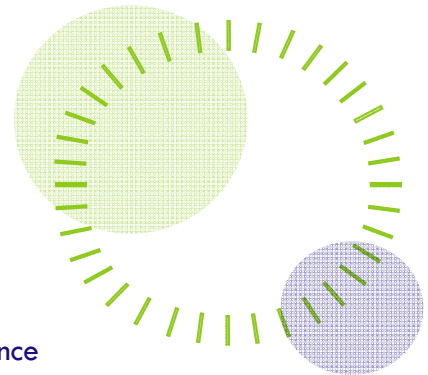
ECTRI also maintains permanent links with European Union representatives for policy formulation advice, with other European organisations such as OECD/ECMT, as well as the US Transportation Research Board (TRB) with which a Memorandum of Understanding was signed in January 2006.



## Presence and participation in conferences

ECTRI participates in or supports a number of European and international conferences:

- ✓ World Conference on Transport Research (WCTR)
- ✓ TRB Annual Meeting
- ✓ ITS Europe and ITS World Congresses
- ✓ European Transport Conference (ETC)
- ✓ Transport Research Arena (TRA)
- ✓ FERSI Road Safety Conference
- ✓ Road Safety on 4 Continents (RS4C) Conference
- ✓ Various EC conferences (ICT event 2008 and other)



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