



Project presentation



1 - Overview

- NET-TRACK “NETworking Transport ReseArch Resources, Competencies and Knowledge within the new boundaries of ERA”
- Funded by the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6) - DG Research of the European Commission
- FP6 Proposal
 - Preparation : Summer 2004
 - Deposited on : September 22, 2004 under call FP6-2002-Transport-2
 - Instrument : Specific Support Action (SSA)
 - Favorable evaluation notified on : 17 February 2005
 - Contract negotiations took place on March 30th in Brussels
- NET-TRACK project
 - Duration: 24 months
 - Starting date : 1 October 2005
 - Coordinator: ECTRI
 - ECTRI members involved : CDV (CZ), DLR (DE), INRETS (FR), KTI (HU) and VTI (SE)

2 - Partners

20 ECTRI members – participating members

- AVV – The Netherlands
- **CDV – Czech Republic**
- CEDEX – Spain
- **DLR – Germany**
- DTF – Denmark
- FHG-IVI – Germany
- HIT – Greece
- **INRETS – France**
- ITS & CNTK (MoU) – Poland
- **KTI – Hungary**
- POLITO– Italy
- TNO – Netherlands
- TØI – Norway
- TRL – United Kingdom
- TTEF / Univ. of Belgrade – Serbia
- UPM – Spain
- VGTU-TMI – Lithuania
- **VTI – Sweden**
- VTT – Finland
- VÚD – Slovakia

3 - Objectives

Overall objective

- Exchange and transfer of knowledge between different scientific Communities working in transportation field and establishing lasting relations between these Communities

Operational objective

- involving research institutes of New Member States (NMS), Accession Countries (AC) and Western Balkan Countries (WBC) in European transport Research Area through:
 - Exchange of experiences in **research management**, especially in the field of programme and project management, and in financing instruments
 - Exchange of **best practices in 'soft' infrastructures** (databases, libraries, etc.)

4. Activities

4.1- General

- **Organization of 2 workshops** on the subjects of
 - Research Management and
 - 'Soft' Research infrastructures

- **For research institutions**
 - From New Member States (NMS), Accession Countries (AC) and Western Balkan Countries (WBC)
 - Active in the field of transport research, and more specifically in surface transport research

4.2 Activities – First step: Inventory (1)

- **Making an inventory** of NMS, AC and WBC Institutions working in transport research

- **How ? Used of:**
 - Existing databases (NTF RECAP, Extr@web, ERANET)
 - ECTRI network
 - Contacts in FP6 and COST
 - National Contact Points
 - Other networks: SETREF, FERSI, FEHRL

- **Results :** 60 relevant Institutions identified in 17 countries

- **On-going process:** update of inventory focusing on Workshop-requirements and outcomes

4.2 Activities – Inventory: results (2)

	Countries	Institutions identified
1	Albania (WBC)	2
2	Bosnia Herzegovina (WBC)	1
3	Bulgaria (AC)	3
4	Croatia (WBC)	3
5	Cyprus (NMS)	0
6	Czech Republic (NMS)	6
7	Estonia (NMS)	4
8	FYROM (WBC)	2
9	Hungary (NMS)	3
10	Latvia (NMS)	6
11	Lithuania (NMS)	4
12	Malta (NMS)	0
13	Poland (NMS)	9
14	Rumania (AC)	6
15	Serbia-Montenegro (WBC)	4
16	Slovakia (NMS)	3
17	Slovenia (NMS)	4
	TOTAL	60

4.3 Activities – 2nd Step: contacts

- **Letter and survey sent** in March 2006 to the 60 institutions to:
 - Explore their interest in the 2 workshops
 - Analyze more in depth their characteristics
 - Identify the priority issues and information needs

- **About 20 answers received**

4.4 Activities – Workshop on research management issues

- **Date** : June 22 and 23, 2006
- **Location**: Budapest, Hungary at Mercure Metropol Hotel
- **Objectives**
 - Learning from each other's research management skills and traditions
 - Exchanging and transferring experiences in the field of programme and project management, notably on financial instruments
- **Audience**: (chief) executives, administrative and financial officers
- **Total number participants**: 22 persons from 12 different countries
- **Approach**: presentation by speakers followed by discussion

4.4 Activities – Workshop on research management issues (2)

■ Programme

- Drawn up on the base of survey answers → incorporation of information from survey

■ Evaluation form

- Distributed during the Workshop for feedback

■ Follow-up

- 3 Newsletters to be published in: Sept. 2006, March 2007 and Sept. 2007
- A helpdesk will be set up (form to be determined)

4.5 Activities – Workshop on ‘soft’ research infrastructures issues

■ What are ‘soft’ infrastructures ?

- Libraries, databases, datasets
- Communication networks, newsgroups, discussion forums, or working groups

■ Objectives of the workshop:

- To analyze how the soft infrastructure resource is organized and managed in Europe
- To share experiences and to lay the foundation for the possible harmonization of the ways soft infrastructure are employed

4.5 Activities – Workshop on ‘soft’ research infrastructures issues (2)

- **Target audience:** people responsible or in charge of development of soft infrastructures (depending of the structure of the organizations)
- **Date:** March 2007 (approx.)
- **Location:** to be determined
- **Number of participants:** 35 (approx.)
- **Follow-up**
 - Targeted surveys for soft infrastructures (May 2007)
 - Draft of a road map for future actions (end of project)

4.6 Activities – Information on activities and results of the project

■ Aims

- Dissemination of the existence of the project and its results and achievements
- Information of the general public and stakeholders
- Increasing public awareness to NMS, AC and WBC

■ How ?

- Leaflet, ECTRI newsletters and CORDIS website
- Creation of an interactive and user friendly web site:
<http://www.ectri.org/nettrack>
- Project representation in Major European and International events such as:
 - TRB 85th Annual Meeting, January 22- 26, 2006, Washington, D.C
 - TRA Gothenburg 12-16 June 2006
 - ETC Strasbourg, 18-20 September 2006
 - ITS London, 8-12 October 2006
 - TRB 86th Annual Meeting, January 21-25, 2007, Washington, D.C

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