

The spreading of excellence in European Surface Transport Research Area

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One and half generation ago

NATO

initiatives

OECD

The last 30 years

COST transport

National programs or institutes

FRDPs

EUREKA



- Lean and agile production of products or services
- Public opinion needs for more and more explicit scientific knowledge
- New scientific pulse
 - . new disciplines, multidisciplinary, systemic,
 - . problem solving



- ✓ Need for spreading excellence
- fourth industry: training and research
- need for a <u>virtual reservoir of knowledge</u> irradiating academia, economy and society
- a new <u>role for focused research institutes</u> (no more in a sole linear model)



A special case

<u>Safety and security</u> is a special challenge (professional retiring and public opinion)

Passing from <u>professional K</u> in many cases implicit or proprietary to a <u>strong corpus of explicit scientific K</u> (not only theory but experimentation, observation and simulation) expliciting in many implicit K



- specific joint program activites
 - mobility and human ressources
 - research infrastructures
 - networking the excellence
 - new research projects

accession and T 2: research and training



Conclusion

ECTRI has been created

to network, to integrate, to structure,

into a <u>virtual scientific K reservoir</u>, a core group of surface transport research institutes.