



TEA Final International Conference

The Origin of TEA COST Action: An ECTRI story

ECTRI basic features

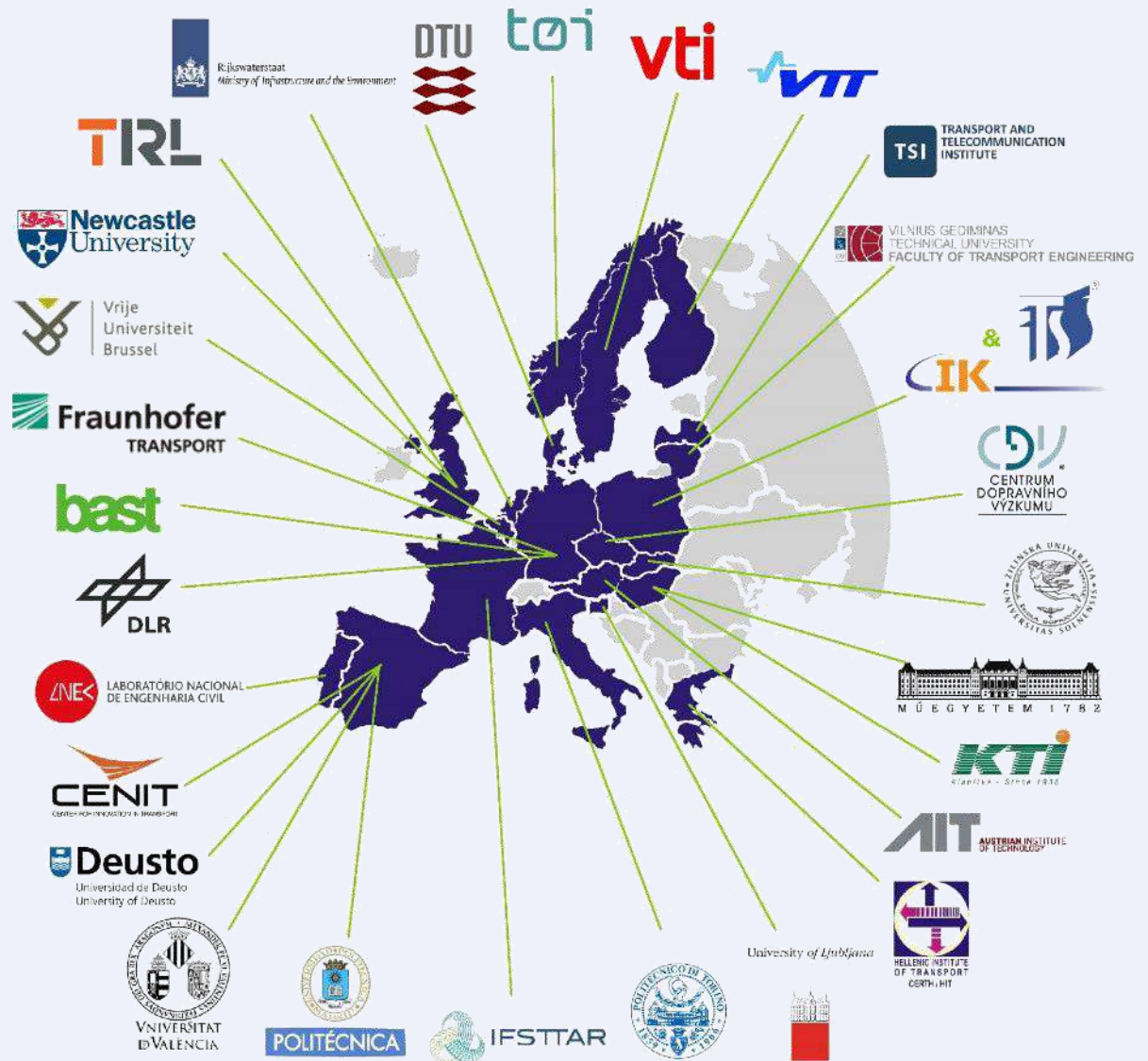


- **Non-profit organisation** established in 2003 with offices and staff (3) in **Brussels**
- **Vision** „leading European research association for sustainable and multi-modal mobility“
- **Mission** „ECTRI is pushing for green, safe, efficient, and **inclusive transport** for people and goods“ by
 - **Promoting transport research and enhancing its scientific quality and effectiveness**
 - Providing independent, evidence-based advice to decision-makers in Europe
 - Incorporating and representing the foremost European transport research institutes and universities

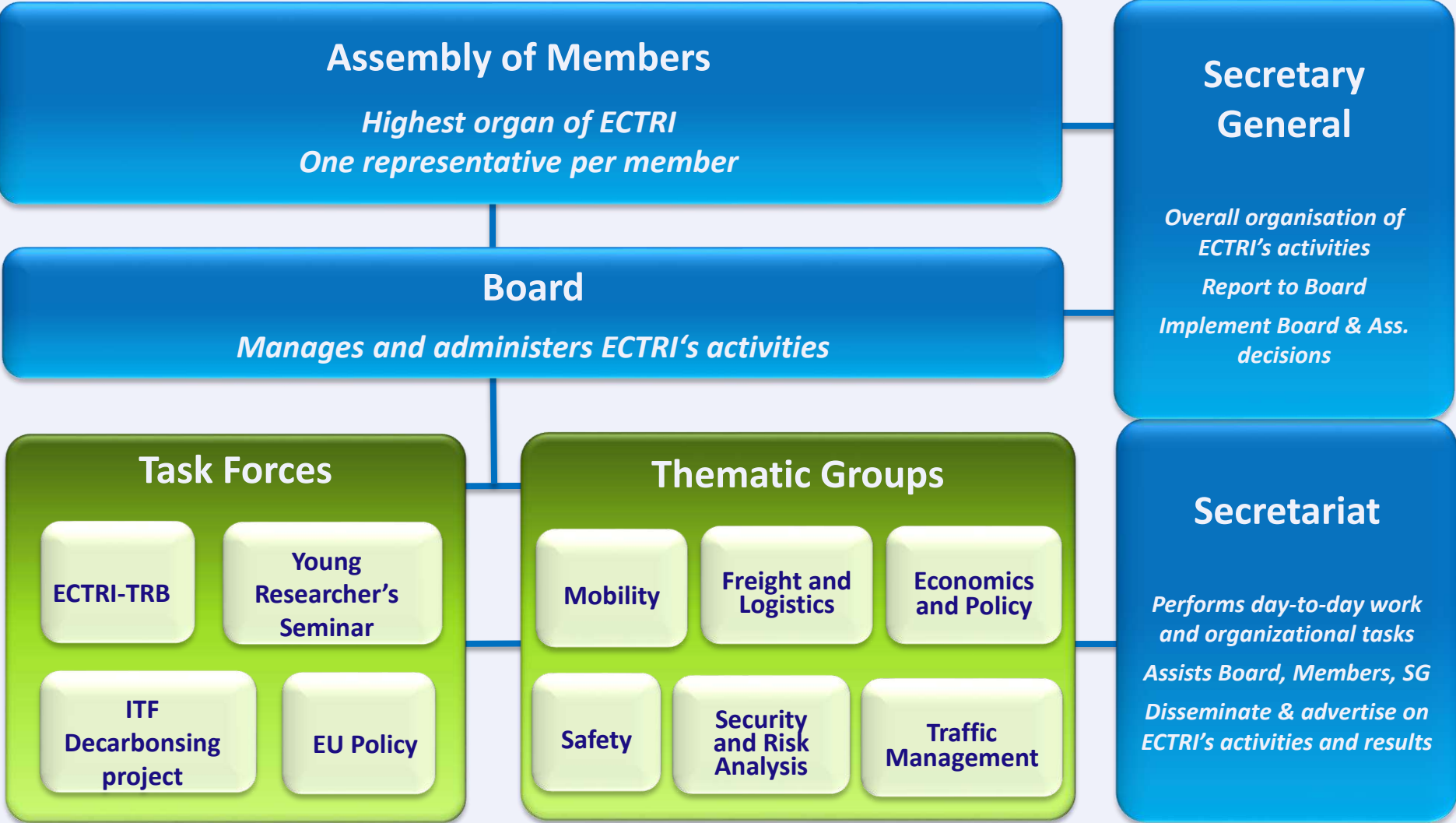
ECTRI Members

28 major
transport
research
institutes or
universities

21
European
countries



ECTRI organisational structure



ECTRI Thematic Groups (TG)

- **Mobility** (Understanding travel behaviour, Inter-modal aspects of urban mobility, Land-use and transport interaction)
- **Freight and Logistics** (E-freight, Door-to-door freight transport and supply chains, Urban logistics, Terminals)
- **Economics and Policy** (Policy analyses e.g. scenarios, foresights, Cost benefit analyses, Public Private Partnership, Pricing and externalities)
- **Safety** (Behavioural adaption and change, Fitness to drive, Evaluation of policy initiatives, Ageing society, Injury data)
- **Security and Risk analysis** (Risk Analysis and Management, Critical infrastructures, Needs of users/ operators/ owners/ emergency services)
- **Traffic Management** (Traffic modelling, Traffic control, Communication and positioning technologies, Cooperative systems)

Role

- Define research topics of interest for supporting EC policies & programmes
- Increase successful participation in EU projects
- Provide a platform for networking and scientific exchanges



From a TG to TEA COST action in 4 steps

Step 1: Launching of experts collaborative working platform (TWG*)

The group

- ➔ ✓ Moderator: Ariane Dupont
- ✓ Rapporteurs: Jose Vassallo and Jens Hauch
- ✓ The group was delighted at the prospect of getting to do work together
- ✓ We will investigate the possibility of applying for a Cost Action (say, “best practice on economic evaluation”) to finance the networking
- ➔ ✓ Next meeting: At the ETC
- ✓ Co-opt the Community of practice on economic evaluation?



Title of the presentation
Author/Institute

TWG Kick Off Meeting, Plenary Session - 11 September 2007

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*TWG G on Transport Economics and policy

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Step 2: Getting to know and to work with each other



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Step 3: TWG on Economics & policy Meeting, Paris, 30 Sept. 2011



AGENDA

TWG-G Meeting, Paris, France on September 30th 2011

Location: IFSTTAR Office at Noisy-le Grand

DECISION

Alternative topics that could fit COST were suggested by other TWG-G members: "Economic evaluation of risk" and "Transport and Equity".

Regarding COST, the following decisions were taken:

- 1 -Transport and Equity will be the topic for the next COST submission which has to be submitted before March 2012;
- 2 -Floridea Diciommo (UPM) together with Karel Martens (Radboud Univ. Nijmegen) will take the lead to prepare a draft proposal that will be circulated to all TWG-G members for comments and refinements;
- 3- Francis Cheung will support Floridea, Karel and Ariane in the preparation of the COST proposal;
- 4- If there is sufficient interest and support from ECTRI members, a second COST proposal (as proposed by Ariane) on the topic "Economic evaluation of risk" can be considered.

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| 17.15 | COST Proposal | all |
| 18.15 | End | |
| 20.00 | Gala Dinner | |

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Step 4 (and final): development of proposal, submission and successful evaluation

- Oct – Dec 2011: core group (Floridea, Karel, Ariane, and Francis Cheung) clarified approaches and defined main purpose of TEA COST proposal
- TRB January 2012 enlargement of core group to other eminent researchers from (9) and outside the ECTRI network (5)
- Proposal submitted in July 2012 to the COST Transport and Urban Development Domain
- Approved on 22/11/2012 by COST CSO, then officially on 1/03/2013 for a start in April 2013

Conclusions:

TEA Action proposal or the right mix of success factors !

A supportive organisation

Clear mission

Adequate structure

Efficient advising mechanisms



A suitable funding mechanism



COST programme : unique means for European researchers to develop own ideas and initiatives and trans-European networking of nationally funded projects



A talented group of experts

Open, cooperative, dedicated, reliable

Led by a strong and supportive champion: Ariane Dupont

Opening floor for new topic discussion e.g. equity

An excellent proposal



Effective and inspiring leadership

Original and innovative idea

Clearly specified goals, methods and expected deliverables

Strong and committed partners

Thanks for your attention!

Any questions?



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