

# EUTRAIN

EUropean Transport Research Area INternational  
Cooperation Activities



## **International Cooperation in Transport Research:**

### **The Way Forward**

### **Final Conference**

**Sponsored by the EUTRAIN Project**

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**Project coordinator: ECTRI**

**Conference organiser: ERTICO-ITS Europe**

### **Draft Programme**

**October 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Brussels, Belgium**

**DIAMANT Conference and Business Centre**

**Bd. A Reyerslaan 80**

**B-1030 Brussels**

The EUTRAIN Conference aims at gathering the European and global scientific, policy making and business communities to discuss themes and instruments for the promotion of future international cooperation in the field of transport research. Specific objectives of the Conference are:

- To jointly identify priorities and collaboration opportunities in surface transport (road, rail, waterborne and cross-modes) between the EU and the USA, the Asian Pacific Region, the BRICS countries, the Latin America and the Mediterranean Countries;
- To review the EUTRAIN project recommendations and deliver additional ones, on ways and means of moving forward future EU supported international cooperation activities in the field of transport research;
- To consider innovative support and funding mechanisms for international cooperation activities.

The Conference is organised in the framework of the project EUTRAIN (European Transport Research Area International Cooperation activities), an FP7 project funded by the European Commission – DG RDI, which developed a number of recommendations and best practice reviews on key issues of international transport research cooperation, including thematic interests, programming and governance issues, research infrastructures, training and human resource issues, Intellectual Properties regimes and pre-standardisation activities.

## Draft Programme

### DAY 1 – Wednesday, October 9th, 2013

<b>EUTRAIN Final Conference</b>	<b>DIAMANT Conference &amp; Business Centre</b> Bd. A Reyerslaan 80 B-1030 Brussels, Belgium Tel +32 (0)2 706 88 00
09:00 – 9:30 Welcome Coffee & Registrations	
Moderator: Dr. Yanying Li, ERTICO – ITS Europe	
9:30 – 10:00 Opening Session	
Welcome and Opening Speech	A. Damiani, European Commission, DG RDI, H1-Transport
Introduction of the EUTRAIN Project, Scope and Objectives of the conference	C. Alméras, ECTRI, EUTRAIN project coordinator
Key note speech: Global Challenges in the Transport Field	T. Voegelé, United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
10:00 – 11:40 Plenary session 1: SETTING THE SCENE	
Main findings of the EUTRAIN project	Prof. G. A. Giannopoulos, ECTRI/HIT
Panel discussion on current International Cooperation key issues	R. E. Skinner, Jr. (US-TRB), Prof. A. Huzayyin (University of Cairo), J. Park (KOTI), B. Verhaeghe (CSIR)



11:40 – 12:00 Coffee Break

**12:00 – 13:30 Plenary session 2:**

**Funding, Programming, and Governance issues in International transport cooperative research**

**Moderator:** S. Phillips, CEDR

**Panellists:** Dr. Y. Li (ERTICO), P. Malléjacq (ECTRI/IFSTTAR), J. Porter (FHWA), X. Yang (Tsinghua University), Dr. U. Shigeki (PWRI)

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

**14:30 – 16:00 Plenary session 3:**

**Improving the Human resources and facilitating Networking**

**Moderator:** Prof. W. H. Steinicke, EURNEX

**Panellists:** A. Rooke (ERTICO), Prof. N. Paulley (ECTRI/TRL), Prof. J.E. Coeymans (University Pontificale of Chile), Prof. L. Mc Ginnis (University of Minnesota), Dr. N. Ivanova (St Petersburg University) (TBC)

16:00 – 16:20 Coffee Break

**16:20 – 17:40 Plenary session 4:**

**Key issues and further recommendations for enhanced international transport research cooperation in Horizon 2020**

**Moderator:** Prof. A. Aparicio, ECTRI/UPM

**Panellists:** Prof. G. A. Giannopoulos (ECTRI/HIT), U. Blume (FEHRL/BASt), F. Fischer (ERTICO), J. Tunna (FRA), R. Yeo (ARRB)

**17:40 Round up and conclusions:**

**“Towards a framework for international cooperation in transport research”, Prof. G. A. Giannopoulos, ECTRI/HIT**

18:00 End of first day followed up by cocktail reception

**DAY 2 – Thursday, October 10th, 2013**

**EUTRAIN Final Conference  
'Towards a more efficient use of transport  
research infrastructures'**

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9:00 – 9:30 Welcome Coffee & Registrations

**Moderator: Frédéric Bourquin, FEHRL/IFSTTAR**

**9:30 -11:30 Introduction and setting the scene**

Welcome and objective of the Conference – Introduction to EUTRAIN and ETRA	Prof. G. Giannopoulos, ECTRI/HIT
Opening Speech	F. Smit, European Commission, DG RDI, H1-Transport
Research Infrastructures in Horizon 2020	A. Arana Antelo, European Commission, DG RDI, B3- Research Infrastructures (TBC)
The need for international cooperation around Research Infrastructures	S. Phillips, CEDR J. Porter, FHWA
EUTRAIN recommendations for Transport Research Infrastructures	G. Franzén, Swedish Geotechnical Society, GeoVerkstan Sverige AB
Transport Research information Management and Exchange System - HERMES outputs	G. Kotsikos, Newcastle University, HERMES project coordinator

11:30 Coffee break

**11:45 -13:15 Networking existing Research Infrastructures**

Infrastructure	J. Krieger, FEHRL/BASt
Waterborne	L. Benedetti, SEA EUROPE
Aviation	R. Henke, DLR/EREA (TBC)
Rail	B. Lechner, EURNEX/TU Munich - (TBC)
Road	S. Deix, CLEPA

13:15 Lunch

**14:30 -15:30 Ways of improving cooperation**

Models and tools for international cooperation	U. Blume, FEHRL/BASt
Soft infrastructures and databases in transport	B. Sandstedt, FEHRL/VTI
Human capital needs (training and expertise)	Prof. M. Pereira, EURNEX/IST Lisboa

**15:30 – 17:30 Tackling future challenges**

Technical needs	B. Verhaeghe, FEHRL/CSIR
Opportunities: linking physical and virtual RIs	J. Porter, FHWA

**Round Table discussion: Action plan and way forward for a more efficient use of transport RIs**

**Moderator:** Prof. G. Giannopoulos, ECTRI/HIT

**Panellists:** S. Deix (CLEPA), L. Benedetti (SEA EUROPE), R. Henke (DLR/EREA) (TBC), B. Sandstedt (FEHRL/VTI), Prof. W. Steinicke (EURNEX)

17:30 Closing of the Conference