Transport Research Knowledge Centre

TRKC publishes 2 new Policy Brochures - on Freight Logistics and Passenger Transport

16 June 2010 - The Transport Research Knowledge Centre (TRKC) has published two new Policy Brochures. These concise studies make the link between research results and the policy context. They help you to discover how transport research is contributing to policy-making and transport operations, illustrated by examples of particular achievements. They are the latest in a range of such publications produced by the TRKC, providing valuable background information on the latest findings on various transport-related issues.

One Policy Brochure deals with the road "**Towards an Integrated Transport System**" – with a special focus on Freight and Logistics. It examines major issues which are of interest to both freight and passenger transport, such as the development of the Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) and the European traffic management and information systems used on the networks of various transport modes.

A second publication discusses "**User-Friendly and Secure Passenger Transport**". Policy and research aim to make passenger transport more attractive to users, as well as safer and more secure. This Policy Brochure presents recent policy issues and related research in these areas. Safety aspects will be treated in a seperate publication as this is a major topic in itself and closely related to other factors such as traffic management, vehicle technology, legislation, training and enforcement.

Both publications, along with the full range of Policy Brochures, can be downloaded from the Publications section of the TRKC website.

Note to Editors:

About the Transport Research Knowledge Centre

The Transport Research Knowledge Centre (TRKC) is a project of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Energy and Transport (DG TREN) and is funded under the Sixth Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP6).

The primary aim of the TRKC is to disseminate and promote the results of transport research activities at European and national level. It also illustrates how transport research programmes and projects help to develop guidelines and innovative tools to support European transport policy for sustainable mobility.

Like its predecessor project EXTR@Web, TRKC has the ambitious objective of stimulating knowledge transfer in the European Research Area (ERA). The project collects transport research information from a large variety of sources across a range of 30 countries (EU-27 plus Norway, Switzerland and Iceland). The information covers project life-cycles from research funding programmes to final results.

The TRKC web site contains information on almost 6000 projects in a searchable database, providing a comprehensive insight to ongoing and recent transport research activities in the ERA. More importantly, it links each project with its parent programme, assigns projects to themes, and provides accurate links or contact details, where possible. It thus represents a unique pool of information on ERA-wide transport research projects.

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The ERA comprises all EU Member States, accession countries and other associated states (e.g. Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, etc).

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