



Transport Research Knowledge Centre

3 new Thematic Research Summaries published on TRKC

13 July 2010, Brussels - The Transport Research Knowledge Centre (TRKC) has published three new Thematic Research Summaries (TRS).

The first, on **Rail Transport**, aims to provide the reader with a synthesis of results of completed European research projects related to that theme. This is done separately for three sub-themes that are important in rail-related research: 'Development, planning and organisation of rail services in Europe', 'Rail management systems' and 'Development of rail technology'.

A second publication updates the TRS on **Freight Transport**. It addresses the movement of all kinds of goods from raw materials to finished goods and waste products. Freight Transport makes use of local, regional, national and international transport systems and is increasingly adopting intermodal and multimodal solutions. It is also concerned with the organisation and management of the supply chain and logistics activities. The updated 'Thematic Research Summary on Freight Transport' aims to provide the reader with a synthesis of results of completed European research projects related to this theme.

Finally, a new updated TRS on **Waterborne Transport** starts from the observation that there is a growing imbalance between modes of transport in the European Union. The growing success of road and air transport is resulting in worsening congestion, which could be helped by a greater focus on Waterborne Transport. This updated paper provides a structured guide to the results of research and technical development projects relating to Waterborne Transport, carried out in transport research programmes throughout the European Research Area.

The 3 new Thematic Research Summaries can be downloaded from the [Thematic 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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