

IMPRINT-NET

Background and introduction

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The IMPRINT-NET team

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- **TNO** (The Netherlands);
- Dresden University of Technology (**TUD**, Germany);
- Budapest University of Technology and Economics (**BUTE**, Hungary).

With contributions from:

- European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (**EUROCONTROL**, Int)
- **COWI A/S** (Denmark)

IMPRINT-NET predecessors

- **CAPRI** Concerted Action in FP4.
- **IMPRINT-EUROPE** Thematic Network in FP5 (<http://www.imprint-eu.org>).

Concrete contributions to:

- dissemination of research results;
- improvement of communication within the community of transport stakeholders.

Coordination Action

Task 3.4.1.4.8 of the SUSTDEV-2002 workprogramme Costs of transport infrastructure use

*“to bring together relevant **policy makers, other stakeholders and researchers** to exchange information in view of reaching consensus on the methods and results to be applied in setting tariffs for the use of transport infrastructure. The purpose is to provide a **discussion platform** for policy makers, transport operators, researchers and other stakeholders to exchange views on the implementation of new pricing regimes, cost calculation methods, derivation of tariffs to be levied and on successful approaches to overcome barriers and to affect attitudes and perceptions”*

Objectives

- To consolidate and diffuse the existing knowledge.
- To facilitate the uptake of research results - and to build consensus - in policy formulation through collaboration and exchange of experiences between policy makers, researchers, operators, other end users and stakeholders.

Differentiated approach

- Rail/Road:
 - Moving to more mature stages of an implementation pathway (designing and implementing a policy, assessing the impacts).
 - Consolidate consensus around valuation methodologies for some cost categories
 - Exchange and elaborate information about implementing and assessing phases
- Air/Waterborne:
 - Further discussion about theoretical framework and valuation methodologies for impacts and costs.

Basic figures...

- Duration: 3 years
- Budget: 1,357 thousands €
- Effort: 80.5 person months
- 6 Expert Groups: 24 workshops
- Conferences: 3 (annual)

The format

Networking

Increasing the number of active participants

- **Expert Groups** (6, modal):
 - small number of participants;
 - more targeted discussions.
- **Conferences** (3, annual):
 - wider audience (ca. 100);
 - presenting and discussing a more comprehensive picture of the state of play as the debate proceeds.

The expert groups (EGs)

- Interurban road (ITS)
- Rail (ITS)
- Maritime (TNO)
- Inland waterways (TNO)
- Air (ISIS and EUROCONTROL)
- Revenue raising and use (ITS)

Current status

- **Deliverable 1:** *Pricing for sustainable transport policies – A state of the art.*
- **Kicking off the EGs:**
 - Maritime: 7 March 2006
 - Rail: 8 March 2006
 - Inland waterways: 14 March 2006
 - Road: today!
 - Air: 5 May 2006

The web site

WWW: <http://www.imprint-net.org>

- Public area:
 - lists of Experts;
 - agenda of the meetings;
 - reports (once agreed upon with Experts);
 - presentations (if agreed, otherwise exchanged via e-mail).