



Sustainable Freight Transport in Sensitive Areas

7 – 8 April 2005

Venue: Palacio de Villa Suso | Plaza del Machete, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain

Background

Sensitive areas, such as mountainous regions, wetlands and coastal zones are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of transport. The rapid increase of road freight transport in Europe's sensitive areas, such as the Pyrenees, has seriously deteriorated air quality in the valleys and causes widespread noise nuisance. It also represents a safety risk and transport infrastructure is increasingly congested.

There are various instruments needed to respond to this situation. A 'one size fits all' approach does not effectively protect sensitive areas from the negative impacts of freight transport. For practical not to mention political reasons, one single instrument is not enough.

T&E has been intensively dealing with the question of freight transport in sensitive areas since 1999. In May 2005, T&E's project 'Safe and Sustainable Freight Transport' will come to an end. Freight transport in sensitive areas played an important role within the project. Therefore, the second part of the conference is dealing with them.

Aim of the conference

The conference should raise awareness about the sensitivity of mountainous regions and the impact of transport in sensitive areas as the Pyrenees. It should provide an overview of potential instruments for sustainable freight transport in sensitive areas. Examples of good practices from the Pyrenees and the Alps should explain realistic instruments to decision makers on regional, national and European level. A main focus will be on the opportunities and limits of infrastructure building to solve transport problems in sensitive areas. The potential conflicts between scarce financial resources, different interests on regional, national and European level will be examined.

Audience

The audience will be representatives of

- decision makers and stake holders at EU level
- national and regional governments from Alpine and Pyrenean countries
- NGOs and interest groups promoting sustainable transport

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Agenda

THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2005, 9.00 – 13.00

8.30 - 9.00 Registration

Chair: Christian Garnier (FNE)

9.00 - 9.30 Welcome by Matthias Zimmermann

Opening and introduction by Basque Transport Minister. Mr. Alvaro Amann

Session 1: Crucial elements of safe and sustainable freight transport (SSFT) policy in Europe

9.30 - 9.50 SSFT – How to make European Freight Transport more sustainable

Jos Dings, T&E, Brussels

9.50 - 10.10 How Rail Liberalisation contributes to SSFT in Europe

Alf Ekström, Banverket, Stockholm

10.10 - 10.30 Example of SSFT pricing in Europe: Swiss Heavy Vehicles Fee

Barbara Schär, Swiss Federal Office for Spatial Planning, Bern

10.30 - 10.50 Enforcement of labour regulation in road transport

Beatrice Hertogs, ETF, Brussels

10.50 - 11.20 Discussion with the audience

11.20 - 11.40 Coffee break

Session 2: How can freight transport be sustainable in sensitive areas?

11.40 - 12.00 Why are the Alps sensitive?

Heike Aghte, ITE, Neubeuern
Andreas Weissen, Alpine Initiative, Brig

12.00 - 12.20 Environmental impacts of transport in sensitive areas

André Etchelecou, University of Pau, Pau, tbc

12.20 - 12.40 How can freight transport respect the Pyrenees?

Pau Noy, PTP, Barcelona

12.40 - 13.00 Discussion with the audience

13.00 - 15.00 Lunch

THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2005, 15.00 – 17.30

Session 3: Efficient investments in transport infrastructure through the Pyrenees

15.00 - 15.20 Permeability of the Pyrenees, Conclusions from CTP conference

Jordi Follia, Catalan Transport Ministry / CTP, Barcelona

15.20 - 15.40 Sustainable transport through the Pyrenees – how the Spanish government tackles the challenges

Angel Aparicio, Spanish Transport Ministry, Madrid

15.40 - 16.00 How French transport ministry supports more sustainable freight transport through the Pyrenees

Pierre-Alain Roche, French Transport Ministry, Paris, tbc

16.00 - 16.20 Logistic and Multi-modal projects

in Aragon, New solutions for a sustainable freight transport

Jesus Sanchez Farraces, Aragon transport Ministry, Zaragoza

16.20 - 16.40 Sustainable transport through the Pyrenees – objectives of French regions

François Maitia, Vice-President of Aquitaine, Bordeaux, tbc

16.40 - 17.00 Railways projects in the Basque Country



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Izaskun Arenaza, Agustín Presmanes. Basque Government, Bilbao

17.00 – 18.00 Discussion with the audience

FRIDAY, 8 APRIL 2005, 9.00 – 13.00

Session 4: Alpine and Pyrenean transport policy – exchange of good practice and ideas

9.00 - 9.15 Sustainable transport policy through sensitive areas in practice

Matthias Rinderknecht, Swiss Federal Office for Transport, Bern

9.15 - 9.30 Realistic assessments for viable transport projects

Bent Flyvbjerg, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen

9.30 - 9.45 Short sea shipping and improving rail infrastructure

Guillermo Gárate, Basque Government. Jose Angel Corres, Chairman Of Port of Bilbao.

9.45 - 10.00 A future system for distance based charging in France

Elsa Coslado, FNE/ITE, Orléans

10.00 - 10.30 Discussion with the audience

10.30 - 10.50 Coffee break

Session 5: Regional initiatives for sustainable freight transport in the Pyrenees

10.50 - 11.05 Strategic Projects in the Basque Country

Jose María Olazaguirre. Euskotren Participaciones S.A.

11.05 - 11.20 The logistic Platform Euskadi-Aquitaine

José Ortuzar, Bilbao

11.20 - 11.35 Linking ports and railways, improving rail infrastructure

David Prat, Catalan transport ministry, Barcelona

11.35 – 12.15 Discussion with the audience

12.15 – 12.45 Conclusions and closure of the conference

Chair of the meeting
Representative of Basque Government



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- Conference on Friday, Morning Sessions, 8 April 2005

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