Relaunch of the Transport Research Knowledge Centre: New website helps European transport community to find transport research solutions

16th April 2008 - Brussels - The Transport Research Knowledge Centre (TRKC) has relaunched its web portal [www.transport-research.info](http://www.transport-research.info) - with a dynamic new look, improved navigation and user-friendly structure.

The Transport Research Knowledge Centre features up-to-date information on transport research activities. It enables policy makers, researchers and other stakeholders to access results of EU or nationally financed transport research in the European Research Area (ERA).

Visitors can easily browse and search information about:
- Transport research programmes across the European Research Area;
- Ongoing and completed European and national transport research projects;
- European and national research funding mechanisms;
- Thematic analysis reports;
- Policy brochures;
- Major events in the international transport community.

Users also have quick and easy access to a link library listing transport research government institutions, professional organisations, information relays or fora. Using TRKC’s data collection tool, project coordinators can submit descriptions and results of their own projects.

Enhancements to the website include:
- Improved navigation - the website and the search tools are structured in an intuitive and consistent way, making it easier for visitors to find what they are looking for and know where they are within the web site;
- Improved look and feel - enhanced graphics and new page layouts provide visitors with an improved user experience.

The Transport Research Knowledge Centre will be present at the Transport Research Arena 2008, on April 21-25, in Ljubljana - Slovenia. Participants are welcomed to visit our stand for a personal introduction to the new 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 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 is collecting transport research information across a range of 30 countries (EU 27 + Norway, Switzerland and Iceland), from a large variety of sources. The information covers both intermediate project results, as well as final results.

TRKC is also making more than 5500 projects searchable on the TRKC web site, providing a comprehensive insight to on-going 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. In this sense, it is a unique pool of information on ERA-wide transport research projects.

Transport Research Knowledge Centre partners are:
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- Industrieanlagen-Betriebsgesellschaft mbH (IABG), Germany;
- Egis Mobilité, France;
- Università di Roma - La Sapienza, Dipartimento Idraulica Trasporti e Strade (DITS), Italy;
- University of Leeds, Institute of Transport Studies (ITS), United Kingdom;
- CDV (Transport Research Centre), Czech Republic.

What is the European Research Area?

The European Research Area (ERA) was launched at the Lisbon European Council in March 2000 and has rapidly become the central pillar of EU activities in the field of research, and the reference framework for European research policy issues. ERA objectives include improved coordination of national research initiatives between member countries, establishing genuine co-ordination of national research policies in order to create a European research policy, and creating an ‘internal market in research’.

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

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