European Transport Conference 2008:
TRKC stand and presentation at the ETC in Leiden, NL (6-8 October)

16th April 2008 - Brussels - The Transport Research Knowledge Centre (TRKC) will participate in the European Transport Conference 2008, a great opportunity to get in contact with professionals of the transport sector. TRKC will have an information stand with documentation for participants and it has also appointed a delegate speaker for a workshop session within the Conference.

The European Transport Conference will again open its doors to policy makers, transport planners, researchers and professionals dedicated to transport development in Europe. The Conference, held in Leiden from 6-8 October, will attract over 500 participants to a meeting point where they can find in-depth presentations on policy issues, research findings and best practice across a broad spectrum of transport modes.

The TRKC stand in the conference centre will provide European key actors with orientation about transport research activities at the European and national level. Interested attendees will find information about transport research programmes across the European Research Area, ongoing and completed research projects, funding mechanisms and thematic analysis reports of the results, among other relevant transport related documents.

On Wednesday 8th October at 10.30h, TRKC Project Co-ordinator Gaby Jauernig will present the project in the “Workshop on Knowledge Sharing”, inserted in session 7 of the Seminar “European Transport Policy and Research”. The attending audience will have the opportunity to learn about the development of the TRKC as an information dissemination tool and the advantages of working with it.

The details for Projects, Programmes, Analysis, Compendiums, etc. can be accessed via the TRKC portal www.transport-research.info, funded by the European Commission’s Directorate General for Energy and Transport, aiming to support professionals of the sector in its work.

TRKC expects the European Transport Conference 2008 to be a successful and productive event. Our team will be glad to meet all participants and interested media representatives on this occasion.
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.

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- Industrieanlagen-Betriebsgesellschaft mbH (IABG), Germany;
- Egis Mobilité, France;
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- 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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