



Transport Research Knowledge Centre

TRKC publishes 3 new Thematic Research Summaries

13 September 2010 - The Transport Research Knowledge Centre (TRKC) has published three new and updated papers in its series of Thematic Research Summaries (TRS). Each publication aims to provide a **synthesis of research results and policy implications** from completed projects. The first part of the TRS includes a brief analysis of the scope of the theme, and a policy review where the main policy developments at EU level are summarised.

The first updated TRS is on '**Safety and security**', updated for 2010. It aims to provide a synthesis of research results and policy implications from completed projects. The "safety and security" theme deals with aspects such as the level of danger that is socially acceptable, as well as systems, rules and procedures for improving safety.

A new version of the Thematic Research Summary on '**Efficiency in sustainable mobility**', also updated for 2010, is now available from the Transport Research Knowledge Centre (TRKC). The paper deals with the minimisation of the resource costs of a given transport system and the maximisation of its performance.

In addition, the TRKC has published a new Thematic Research Summary on '**Equity and accessibility**'. When considering the impacts of transport strategies, equity is concerned with ensuring they are reasonably equally distributed, or are focused particularly on those with special needs. Accessibility can be defined as "ease of reaching", and is concerned with increasing the ability with which people in different locations, and with differing availability of transport, can reach different types of facility.

The three new and updated TRSs - on 'Safety and security', 'Equity and accessibility' and 'Efficiency in sustainable mobility' - are now available for download 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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