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Subject: Minutes of the 2nd meeting of WG 1, held in Paris on 23 February 2001

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Minutes WG 1, 2nd meeting, Paris, 23 February 2001

“ Transport Networks examined in the long term and at the scale of integrated networks and general movement’s axes ”

The 2nd meeting of the WG 1 took place at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, rue d’Ulm, on the 23rd February 2001 from 9:00 to 12:00.

Attendees :

The WG 1 welcomed Mrs. Tomsic (SLO), researcher in Transport Economics at the Institute of Traffic and transport in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Prof. Dr. Fremdling (NL), Ms. Polino (F), Dr. Rallis (DK) attended the meeting chaired by Dr. Bonnaud (F).

Prof. Carreras (E), Dr. Cucev (RO), Mr. Dinhobl (A), Dr. Ferreira da Silva and Mrs. Mata (P), were prevented to attend the meeting in Paris. Prof. Giuntini and Pavese attended the meeting of WG 3 which took place simultaneously.

Current issues :

The new Terms of Reference for WG 1, dated September 2000, have been dispatched to all members of the group.

As the COST 340 project proceeds with its 1st conference due to take place within a year, the attendees committed themselves to deliver an essay by the end of 2001 on the following topics :

- Prof. Dr. Fremdling on the Betuwe Line (TEN 14) connecting Rotterdam harbour to its German hinterland, particularly considering competition aspects.
- Dr. Rallis on the intermodal aspects of “Scan ways” over the Öresund, Great Belt and Small Belt as well as the projected Fehmarn link between Danmark and Germany. Dr. Rallis will discuss this point with Prof. Krantz and Dr. Andersson-Skog (S)
- Ms. Tomsic on intermodal connections to Slovenia, focussing on Corridors V and X and their implications for Slovenian harbours.
- Dr. Bonnaud on the Channel fixed link as an intermodal system.

In addition to this, contacts will be held to associate further members to the WG 1 in order to cover the gaps in current research, currently about German and Swiss intermodal transport. Operators as listed in the Terms of Reference offer focused case studies for experts.

The existing bibliography of WG 1 will be completed by three titles dedicated to intermodal transport for each expert’s working language.

The next workshop, due to take place in Berlin in September 2001, will offer an opportunity to discuss these essays and the new contacts being taken.

The possibility to present the WG 1 research at the 13th International Economic History Congress of Buenos Aires, in July 2002, was considered. The topic was also discussed afterwards during the MC meeting.

List of concepts : in the 1st WG 1 meeting in June 2000, we stressed on the necessity to use defined concepts and statistical units. The target is transport-policy makers, nevertheless they should be understandable for non-specialist. A list will be communicated within mid-March.

Long-Term program :

The further developments of the WG 1 research could follow these mainlines :

2001-2002 : corridors and networks supply.

2002-2003 : infrastructure finance.

2003-2004 : set of proposals.

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