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Towards a European Intermodal Transport Network, Lessons from History

**Subject: Minutes of the COST 340 working group 3 3rd meeting, Berlin, 25
September, 2001**

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Transnational Unimodal Networks

340/12 Rev. 1 : Terms of reference
340/25 : minutes of the 2nd meeting, Paris, 23 feb., 2001
340/26 : list of possible subjects for the final report
340/27 : planning of Activities

1. ATTENDEES

Prof. John BARZMAN ; Dr I. CUNCEV ; Dr Dipl.-Ing. Hans Luidger DIENEL; Ms E. JAMES ; Prof. Dr Rainer FREMDLING; Dr Michèle MERGER; Ms Marie Noelle POLINO; Mr Philippe STALINS; Ms TOMSIC; Prof. Laurent TISSOT.

2. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

As Dr Filarski, chairman of the COST 340 Working Group 3, and Dr Ing Gijs Mom, WG3 secretary, were prevented from attending the meeting by air traffic problems, the documents submitted beforehand by Dr Mom on the day-to-day COST 340 webpage could not be discussed, and no decision was made concerning the activities of the group and their calendar¹.

These should be discussed by E-mail after the meeting. Please send any comments on the following:

340/26 : list of possible subjects for the final report

340/27 : planning of Activities

to Dr Ing GijsMom,

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who will inform the group members of the decisions eventually made.

3. OPENING

No news having been received either from Dr Filarski nor from Dr Mom, the meeting is opened at 4:15 p.m. and chaired by Dr Hans-Liudger Dienel, vice-chairman of COST 340.

¹ The agenda for the 3rd WG3 meeting submitted by Dr G. Mom was the following:

1. Opening & Welcome (16.00)
2. Adoption of the agenda (16.05)
3. Approval of the minutes of the 2nd WG3 meeting in Paris (see Document 340/25 : minutes of the 2nd meeting, Paris, 23 feb., 2001) (16.10)
4. List of possible subjects (Doc. 340/26) (16.20)
5. Call for Papers (17.00)
6. Planning of activities (Doc. 340/27) (17.30)
7. Dates and places for the next meetings (18.30)
8. Miscellaneous (18.55)
9. Closing (19.00).

- 1) As the agenda submitted by Dr Mom for the present meeting cannot be adopted, Dr Diemel takes the opportunity to express his views on the COST 340 meetings agendas and to launch a debate on this question: he advises more meeting time being dedicated to research discussion and seminars, less to the discussion of meetings dates and agendas. Mr Stalins, COST Transport secretary, notes that some time should be dedicated to this, to prevent the present situation. 6 of the delegates who promised to come are missing and the meeting begins several hours late. He urges the MC and WG members to stick on the dates they themselves decided upon, and/or to design representatives who could come and attend to prevent a member country not to be included in the decisions made.
- 2) Dr Diemel stresses the need of COST 340 to publish as soon as possible the first scientific results of the action. The first of these are obviously the set of "national bibliographies" and "literature surveys" provided by the action members as "... literature on Transport History" (see documents : COST 340/17) or as "Historic transport research in... : synopsis" (see documents : COST 340/18) for WG3, as well as some of the terms of reference for working groups (see WG1 terms of reference, Doc. 340/10 Rev.1).

Dr Diemel proposes that a comprehensive volume should be published by spring, 2002. The attendees discuss the contents of the chapters, and the perspectives for publication.

The following proposal will be made to the COST 30 Management committee meeting.

All "national bibliography" and "literature survey" and any document to come falling in these categories (see files COST 340 17 and COST 340 18 on the COST 340 day-to-day home page + WG1 terms of reference) will be collected in a single volume.

National literature has been compiled already for:

France

The Netherlands

Switzerland

Denmark

Portugal (to be published soon on the COST 340 day-to-day homepage)

Sweden (to be published soon on the COST 340 day-to-day homepage)

Latvia (to be published soon on the COST 340 day-to-day homepage)

Germany (to be published soon on the COST 340 day-to-day homepage)

To come soon :

Italy

Rumania

Still missing:

United Kingdom

Spain

Greece

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This material should be organised in 13 chapters of approx. 40,000 characters and spaces maximum length, means approx. 14-16 pages of 2,500 each, or 7,000 words.

Each chapter will be dedicated to the historiography of one participating country, and assess the research done on COST 340 main topics, i.e.

- transnational transportation networks

- intermodality and intermodal networks

and follow the same outline :

1 - transport history before the steam age

2 - transport history till 1914-1918

3 - the Interwar period

4 - after 1945

5 - from 1990 onwards

Under each heading, a systematic approach (by transport modes) is advisable.

Commented references are to be preferred to introductory remarks followed by a mere list of titles.

Guidelines for the authors (especially common typographical rules for the bibliographical references) should follow soon.

The comments should stress the two aspects - international and intermodal relationships - which are the main feature of COST 340 research.

A separate chapter will deal with the literature produced by international bodies such as International Union of Railways, maritime transport and roads and labour organisations, etc.

The completed chapters are expected by December 31st, 2001.

(special deadlines for the chapter on international organisations literature :

maritime transport and roads: John Barzman, 12.31.01

air transport: H.L. Dienel, 02.28.02

rail transport: L. Tissot, 02.28.02

eastern countries organisations: I. Cuncev, 02.28.02)

The MC members will be kindly asked to confirm that they intend to meet these deadlines, especially when the literature survey is not available yet for their country.

3) The List of topics which may be included by WG3 in its final report and its Planning of activities (Doc. 340/26 and 340/27) are circulated.

These proposals will be in the programme of the COST 340 first Conference to be held in Lisbon, from May 24th to May 25th. Following the scientific programme for COST 340 included in COST 340 MoU, the conference title is: "Towards A European Transport System: Long Term Perspectives" and will stress on the evolution of concepts (as intermodality) and the constitution of transnational networks, meeting the aims of WG3. Dr Merger and the attendees thank warmly Prof. Mata and the Portuguese COST 340 Members who obtained the signature of Portugal and offered to host and finance the conference in Lisbon.

The tentative programme includes:

Towards A European Transport System: Long Term Perspectives. General Approaches and Case Studies

The constitution of transnational networks in Europe

Sessions	Proposed papers (tentative list)	Key directions for the papers and their discussion (all sessions)
Introductory session: The concept of intermodality in history and historiography, or "concept and experience"	Christophe Bouneau and Bruno Marnot (University of Bordeaux, F): Emergence du concept d'intermodalité en France du XIXe siècle aux années 1950 Jean Varlet (university of Lyons) : TBA etc.	
Session I Transnational Unimodal Networks (under the	Michèle Merger Waterways in Western Europe from 1945 to 1970	1) Emergence of transeuropean transport networks: success and failure factors

responsibility of WG 3)	<p>Europe from 1945 to 1970 Rainer Fremdling Railway development in western Europe Georges Ribeill (Ecole Nationale des Ponts et haussées, Paris, France) : le mythe d'un réseau ferroviaire interconnecté en Europe Ioan Cuncev TBA Paper TBA from the participants to the Swiss research programme on international axes through the Swiss Alps Highways: WANTED High Speed Trains: WANTED etc.</p>	
<p>Session II Long-term developments of intermodal corridors and their integration into existing transport networks (WG1)</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. Fremdling the Betuwe Line (TEN 14) and the importance of the Antwerpen to Köln line, and the research recently done by Belgian transport historians on this topic. Dr. Rallis international corridors, the history of ferries and missing links over the Öresund, Great Belt and Small Belt and the projected Fehmarn link between Danmark and Germany. Ms. Tomsic intermodal connections to Slovenia (European Corridors V and X) Dr. Bonnaud the Channel fixed link as an intermodal system and freight traffic developments since the opening.</p>	2) Decision making processes
<p>Session III Intermodal Networks points</p>		3) Management of infrastructure and long-term competitiveness

Note: Sessions II and Session III may appear in reverse order, would the participants wish so.

Session I is still to be completed by two papers on the highway network in Europe and the HST network in Europe. Paper proposals on those two topics will be gratefully welcomed.