Workshop: Strengthening Research Institutions
Within the overall objective
"Strengthening Research & Innovation to foster European Research Area completion"

Date: 26 September 2011

Venue: CVUT, Masaryks Congress Centrum, Thakurova 1, Prague 6, Czech Republic

The concept of DETRA derives from the so-called Lyon Declaration. In 2008, the Lyon Declaration signatories i.e ECTRI, FERSI, FEHRL, EURNEX, HUMANIST, ISN and NEARCTIS committed themselves to work together on the deepening the European Research Area objectives in transport in order to address the Grand Challenges. From this commitment grew the objective to create a European Transport Research Alliance (ETRA) that would strengthen the transport domain.

The key priorities of this Alliance were to examine the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) in the domain and develop common understanding and approaches to reducing fragmentation and overcoming barriers.

With the support of the European Commission, the DETRA project will provide a detailed examination of the current status and structure of transport research, bringing together the competences of all the partners together with their networks and associated links to provide the most comprehensive assessment of all the aforementioned aspects of ERA development. The project will then set out, and begin implementation, of the next steps in developing the Surface Transport ERA.

The aim of the Workshop: WP3 Strengthening research institutions

Identification of how research institutions already have realised the policy for ERA overcoming fragmentation and transport sector research integration. Followed by identifying barriers causing weaknesses and/or characteristics successful contributing to strengthen research institutions.
Recommendations agreed upon will be accompanied by lead criteria & trends permitting a regular assessment of progress. The WP will consider the requirements of all modes of transport.

This workshop will focus on how CEEC research organization can be supported to better adapt to the ERA objectives and the actions still to be taken to become mid-21st century excellent research organisations (scientific excellence, relevance excellence, governance excellence) providing high quality services for the Knowledge Triangle.

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WP3: Second Workshop
"Strengthening Research Institutions, Focus on CEEC"
Monday, 26 September, 2011

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Registration

9.00	Registration

9:30 - 10:15 **OPENING and WELCOME**

9:30 - 09:50	Welcome and Future Challenges from the CEEC point of view CVUT President - **Prof. V. Havlicek**, Vice President - **Prof. P. Moos** and Dean of Faculty of Transport Sciences - **Prof. M. Svitek**
09:50 - 10:15	*"Lessons from the DETRA Work so far with focus on WP3" Questionnaire/Interview outcome* **Assist. Prof. W. H. Steinicke**, Sec Gen EURNEX and DETRA WP3 leader

10:15 - 12:30 **SESSION 1:** Experiences on legal constraints & barriers & perspectives by regions, DETRA partner's, ETPs and European organisation

Chair Person: **Prof. M. Svitek , CVUT**

10:15 - 10:40	*"Baltic Research & Competitiveness: Problems & Perspectives"* **Prof. L. Ribickis/Prof. P. Balckars / Dr. N. Kunicina** Riga Technical University
10:40 – 11:00	*"Future challenges to develop European Transport Research Alliance" – from a FEHRL view* **S. Phillips / A. Adesiyun,** Secretary General FEHRL
11:00- 11:20	*"Integrated Research Excellence to support ERRAC"* **B. Olsson**, Trafikverket, WP2 Leader ERRAC Roadmap
11:20- 11:40	*"Focused Research in the Danube Regions – Waterborne aspects"* **H.-P. Hasenbichler**, Managing Director, Via Donau, TBC
11:40- 12:15	*Discussion*

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch Break

13:15 - 16:45 **SESSION 2:** Assessing policy dimension of European Research Area completion, scientific excellence, relevance & governance

Chair Person: **Assist. Prof. W. H. Steinicke,** Sec Gen EURNEX and DETRA WP3 leader

13:15 - 13:40	*"Strengthening academia & research institutions – CEEC prospects for EU added value"* **Prof. P. Moos,** Vice President CVUT, Standing Committee EURNEX
13:40 – 14:10	*"European Rail Agency, supporting harmonization & standardisation"* **NT Tournier**, Head of Sector, European Rail Agency, Valenciennes
14:10 -14:45	*"Instruments to improve Research & Innovation chain – From Frontier Research to market uptake"* **J.-P. Medevielle,** Dep. Director General IFSTTAR & HUMANIST
14:45 - 16:30	*"Closing Discussion & way ahead towards strengthening Research Institutions"* **W. H. Steinicke,** Sec. Gen. EURNEX & Chair High Level Expert Group "Airport of the Future" - Future needs & gaps - Best practice/Lessons learned - Recommendations & Options for implementation
16:30 - 16:45	*Summary*
End of Workshop	

Followed by Joint Research Initiative Discussion