



Impact of Transport Infrastructure on International Competitiveness of Europe

I-C-EU is a 2 year FP7 project that clarifies relationship between transport infrastructure investment and its wider economic impacts, namely competitiveness and economic growth. By exploring and further developing the methodology, the I-C-EU Project proposes a modified policy intervention framework and provides recommendations to the European Commission to enhance the international competitiveness of Europe as well as between its countries and regions.

The main outputs are (i) a synthesis of the relationship between transport infrastructure investment, competitiveness and economic growth; (ii) an improvement of the methodology used to assess the impacts of transport infrastructure investments especially on competitiveness and economic growth; and finally (iii) recommendations on EU policy assessment in transport infrastructure investments with respect to competitiveness and economic growth.

The I-C-EU project starts with a methodological study to define competitiveness and to explore the assessment methods used to evaluate transport infrastructure projects. The project involves a set of selected case studies which represent all transport modes and different EU regions, and which affect the accessibility to the international market. The project analyzes, compares, and studies a number of tools to determine whether competitiveness and regional growth were considered and to formulate possible improvements. The project also establishes a set of indicators per country or region, comprising the direct and indirect impacts of transport infrastructure investments and elaborates a set of recommendations on the assessment of transport infrastructure investments.

Finally, in order to disseminate the results and to get feedback, the I-C-EU project partners organize 3 workshops; elaborate a stakeholder questionnaire; participate and present at the different conferences; publish regular newsletters and maintain a public website.