



First I-C-EU Project Workshop Invitation

Assessing Impacts of Transport Infrastructure Investment on Regional Competitiveness: *How far can we go?*

21 January 2013 – The Park Inn Hotel Leuven, Belgium

What is I-C-EU?

Impact of transport infrastructure on international competitiveness of Europe abbreviated as *I-C-EU* is a 2 year FP7 project that clarifies the relationship between transport infrastructure investments and its wider economic impacts, namely competitiveness and economic growth.

The I-C-EU project explores the state-of-the-art of the methodology and assessment tools for public and private investments in transport infrastructure which include modelling frameworks as well as decision tools. The project analyses and further develops the methodology; and proposes a modified framework for policy intervention which will be tested on a representative set of transport projects. I-C-EU will then provide recommendations to the European Commission on making political intervention in order to enhance competitiveness of Europe externally.

Why you should attend the workshop?

Briefly, the European Union *needs your ideas* in relation to transport infrastructure investment that will help Europe to get out from the economic crisis.

In this workshop, first of all, you will have the opportunity to listen to experiences of the different players in assessing the investment in transport infrastructures. How regional competitiveness has been captured in the assessment? How far? Not at all?

Secondly, but most important, you will have the opportunity to convey your ideas and opinions on how to better assess transport infrastructure investment in term of regional competitiveness. What could we do? What should we do?

And thirdly, the I-C-EU consortium will explain how the project will reach its main objective, i.e. to clarify relationship between investments in transport infrastructure and its wider economic impacts. You will find out how you could participate in the project and at the same time how you will be able to make use of the project findings and outcomes.

Workshop Programme

Session 1:

- Introduction to the I-C-EU Programme (Joko Purwanto – TML, Belgium)
- Literature review of terminology and methodology (Martijn Smit – VU, The Netherlands)

Session 2:

- Experience in assessing multi-sector regional development projects (Sebastian Hyzyk – EIB)

- Experience in assessing transport infrastructure investment – an economist’s point of view (Carl Koopmans – VU, The Netherlands)
- Experience in assessing transport infrastructure investment – consultancy’s point of view (Mark Finer – Mott MacDonald, Czech Republic)
- Experience in assessing transport infrastructure investment – a private investor’s and operator’s point of view (François Gauthey / Jérôme Couzineau-Sanef, France)

Session 3:

- I-C-EU project’s case studies (Ofelia Betancour, FEDEA – Spain)
- Group discussion

Session 4:

- Presentation of the RACE2050 project (Massimo Moraglio – TU Berlin, Germany)
- Presentation of the FUTRE project (Jens Schippl – KIT, Germany)
- Introduction of I-C-EU Associated Partner Group (Joko Purwanto – TML, Belgium)
- I-C-EU project questionnaire and closing

When & where?

The workshop will be organized on Monday 21st January 2013 at Park Inn Hotel in Leuven, Belgium. The programme will start at 9.00h and finish at 16.30h.

Interested to attend? Please contact...

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