



WHAT IS BESTUFS?

BESTUFS (BEST Urban Freight Solutions) is a Thematic Network (TN) addressing all aspects of urban freight transport. The aim of BESTUFS is establishing and maintaining an open European network between urban freight transport experts, user groups/associations, ongoing projects, interested cities, the relevant EC DGs and representatives of national transport administrations in order to identify, describe and disseminate best practices, success criteria and bottlenecks with respect to the movement of goods in urban areas. This Thematic Network is operated with and funded by the EC in the Fifth Framework Programme under the Key Action "Competitive and Sustainable Growth". The BESTUFS project started in 2000 with a duration of 4 years. Anyone who wishes to participate in BESTUFS events or to receive information should contact the administration centre (bestufts@nea.nl).

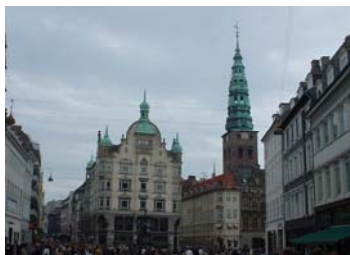
NETHERLANDS PARTNERS STUDY EFFECTS OF E-COMMERCE



NEA Transport research and training recently began a study for GOVERA (Goederen Vervoer Randstad) on collection points for goods in urban areas. GOVERA is a public organisation with a focus on sustainable freight transport for the Randstad region in The Netherlands. The collection points subject in the study are meant for products purchased for instance via the Internet (webshops). The points are located in areas such as fuel stations and convenience stores with long opening hours. These collection points are used in the B2C market but can also be used in the B2B market, for instance to provide service engineers with parts. The goals of the study are to identify the success and fail factors and best practices concerning collection points for urban freight. It is expected that the results of the project will become available by August 2003. Further information from Martin Quispel at mqu@nea.nl

SUCCESSFUL BESTUFS EVENT IN DENMARK

The third BESTUFS Conference was held in Copenhagen, Denmark in May 2003. The Conference had the valued support of the Forum for City Logistiks along with the Danish Minister of Transport and the Copenhagen's Mayor of Building and Construction Administration. The first day featured excellent speakers from Denmark presenting examples of best practice in city logistics and environmental improvements. The second day began with a half day of presentations from the UK and Italy followed after lunch by a rickshaw tour courtesy of the Copenhagen Municipality. Details of the Conference can be viewed at www.bestufts.net



NEXT BESTUFS WORKSHOP

The 10th BESTUFS workshop will be hosted by the Municipality of Palmela in Portugal. The theme of the workshop is "ITS and Urban Freight". The event will take place on 18th and 19th September 2003 and include a technical excursion on the second day. For further information about the agenda please contact marcel.huschebeck@ptv.de

LONDON CONGESTION CHARGING UPDATE



Transport For London (TFL) has reported reduced traffic levels inside the zone. Observations suggest that lower levels of traffic are stabilising at around 20% less traffic entering the zone across the charging day. Preliminary data also suggests that there is little evidence of diverted traffic on roads beyond the Inner Ring Road. One problem identified is with drivers making a mistake when providing the number plate details leading to Penalty Charge Notices being issued. Overall, the general consensus is that the scheme is settling down well into its routine. www.tfl.co.uk

STRASBOURG ELECTRIC VEHICLE DELIVERY TRIAL



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Chronopost International is experimenting with a new concept for the collection and delivery of parcels and packets in the City Centre of Strasbourg. All goods bound for the centre of Strasbourg are diverted to a consolidation centre at Souffelweyersheim in the suburbs where they are loaded into small containers. These small containers are then transferred to the inner city for final delivery. A person operates the electric guided platform. The trial has been running since 15 September 2002 and has helped to keep the pedestrian zone free of pollutant delivery vehicles. Please email Jean-Remi Bernard at jr-bernard@chronopost.fr



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ROAD TOLL LEVY ANNOUNCED IN THE UK

The UK Government has announced the opening of the first private motorway at peak times on a 27-mile stretch of the M6 motorway south of Birmingham. The Toll lorry rate being proposed is £11 (€15) for lorries over 44 tonnes and over 2.9 metres wide. The Toll road news has been received with mixed feelings. The Freight Transport Association has welcomed the new road but feels that a lower rate of £5 (€7) per lorry would have made the route an automatic choice and have also worked towards achieving the objective of reducing congestion in the Birmingham area which is at the heart of UK industrial movements. A very informative website can be accessed at www.m6toll.co.uk

ELECTRIC TRICYCLES DELIVER IN PARIS



A supporter of the BESTUFS Conference in Paris, Monsieur Denis Baupin, the Mayor of Transport for Paris, has recently inaugurated an interesting new service in the centre of Paris using electric carrier cycles. The project has a 2 year duration operating from a logistic site located in Central Paris. In the initial stages there will be 10 tricycles in operation with a loading capacity of 100 kg. The tricycles maximum speed is 20 km per hour with a battery life of 7 hours delivery time. The experiment will be monitored and evaluated on the 6th, 12th and 24th month. For further information about the progress of the project please contact christophe.riper@mairie-paris.fr





BESTUFS PARTNER IN DUBLIN

A successful two-day joint workshop between BESTUFS and European Policy Transport Research (EPTR) was hosted by Trinity College Dublin (TCD), within the historic portals of the Royal Irish Academy Library in Dublin on April 28th & 29th. The workshop was introduced by the Assistant Secretary at the Department of Transport, who made the case for a sharing of research findings and the successful application of innovative measures into new arenas. TCD expanded this by presenting their planned project on sustainable freight strategies in historic urban centres. A strong call was made for the integration of Research & Development in relation to land use planning, public and private transport and to environmental planning priorities. Details of the agenda and the papers presented can be downloaded from www.bestufs.net



07 July 2003
 "Clean Air 2003"
 Portugal
 Contact: Maria Alfonso
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11 - 12th September 2003
 3rd Scientific Conference
 "New Trends in Transport and Communications"
 University of Pardubice, Jan Perner Transport Faculty
 Pardibice, Czech Republic
 Tel: +420 466 036 099
 Email: tatiana.volkova@upce.cz
 URL: <http://dfjp.upce.cz/dfjp.html>

12th September 2003
 The URBIS Conference 2003
 "A Protocol for 21st Century Cities?"
 Manchester, United Kingdom
 Tel: +44 (0) 20 7222 2176
 Email: urbis@connectpa.co.uk

15 - 19th September 2003
 "2nd International Fair for Transport and Logistics"
 BVV, Brno, Czech Republic
 Tel: +420 541 152 926
 Email: translog@bvv.cz
 URL: <http://www.bvv.cz/msv-gb>

22 - 24th September 2003
 "Future Urban Transport - How to cope with the complexity of Urban Transport Development"
 Gothenburg, Sweden
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25 - 26th September 2003
 "Air/Rail 2003"
 Frankfurt Airport, Germany
 Tel: +44 20 8390 8697
 Fax: +44 20 8399 4807
 URL: <http://www.oaro.com/events.htm>

01 - 03rd October 2003
 "Sustainable Planning & Development 2003"
 International Conference on Sustainable Planning and Development
 Skiathos, Greece
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CONFERENCE NEWS

The month of June saw the BESTUFS project being presented at 2 events in Germany and Poland. The MOSCA project had their final conference in Dresden, Germany discussing the improvement of the door-to-door delivery service. More information at www.idsia.ch/mosca. The CESURA project held their event in Poland which spanned over 3 days beginning with an info-day followed by a thematic workshop covering topics of energy, mulit-modality and safety. Further information about the event can be accessed at www.cesura.pl

FINAL BESTUFS CONFERENCE

The Final BESTUFS Conference will be held on 13th and 14th November 2003 at the Diplomat Hotel in Prague, Czech Republic. The Conference is being organised by ACTION M and promises to be as successful as previous events. For further information about this forthcoming event please contact Marcel Huschebeck at marcel.huschebeck@ptv.de

TOWARDS CAR-FREE CITIES III - CONFERENCE REPORT

In March this year the Car Free Cities Conference was hosted by Car Busters - Toulcvu Dvur Ekologické Centrum in Prague, Czech Republic. The transcripts of presentations can be found at <http://www.carbusters.org/conference/transcripts.php>

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

For those interested in Public Private Partnerships, there are several upcoming events covering this area organised by the UNDP PPP for the Urban Environment Division. Full details are available at: www.undp.org/pppue/index.htm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

04 - 08 July 2003
 "10th World Conference on Transport Research"
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 Email: aybenkokum@tourselect.com.tr
 URL: <http://www.wctr2004.org.tr/Eng/organiser.htm>

