



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 5th 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 (bestuufs@nea.nl).

BEST URBAN FREIGHT CONFERENCE

The second BESTUFS Tour and Conference was held on 27-28th June 2002 in Paris, France. This successful event was made possible due to the support of the Port Autonome de Paris (PAP), GART (Groupement des autorités responsables de transport) and the Mairie de Paris.

The event began on Thursday 27th June with a river-based tour sponsored by PAP. The 95 attendees boarded at the Ile aux Cygnes, and were welcomed on behalf of PAP by M. Didier Depierre. The tour consisted of a trip along the Seine to see companies that are manufacturing goods that are carried on the River. En-route, attendees disembarked to visit the Port of Ivry, which is an example of good practice in the planning and design of a city industrial port. Following this the attendees were divided into groups and taken through the streets on foot. The objective of this was to illustrate practical examples of delivery zones within protected bus lanes.



The location for the second day was the Auditorium in the Hôtel de Ville in the centre of Paris. The Conference was fortunate to have secured 3 international speakers from Kyoto University, Japan; the Transportation Research Board, USA; and The University of Melbourne, Australia. As with the first BESTUFS Conference held in Barcelona, Spain in March 2001, there was a varied list of attendees. Not surprisingly, 27% of the attendees were from France and 19% from the UK. BESTUFS were pleased to welcome attendees from the Newly Associated Member States including Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovenia.

The overall feedback was that the Tour and Conference were excellent and fulfilled a good coordinating and research role. As the BESTUFS network grows larger it is significant that most people attended as a result of personal recommendation. The presentations given by the speakers in Paris can be accessed on www.bestuufs.net

ROADPRICING CANCELLED IN NETHERLANDS!

"The recent elections of the Dutch parliament resulted in a new coalition of parties who now form the new Government. This government was formally installed on July 22nd of this year. The new government's strategic agreement is to focus efforts centred around

the better use, including the broadening, of the road infrastructure as well as on the improvement of the public transport network. It is the new government's belief that the introduction of a possible road pricing system will only be functional once the accessibility to both roads and public transport are notably improved. As a consequence, in the coming term of this government no financial budgets will be allocated for the preparation of a possible introduction of road pricing in the Netherlands."

URL: www.roadpricing.nl

ELCIDIS PROJECT FINISHED

The ELCIDIS (Electric Vehicle City Distribution) project, which started in 1998, finished in July 2002. The project had been executed in Rotterdam, Stockholm, La Rochelle, Erlangen, Milan and Stavanger. The objective was to prove the viability of hybrid electric vans and trucks in urban distribution combined with the use of urban distribution centres. Around 60 vehicles have been tested during the project. Although the project encountered a lot of unforeseen problems, the result is seen by ELCIDIS as successful. The project hopes to have created a new insight into the use of hybrid and electric vehicles for specific niche applications and will, in this respect, generate positive spin-off for both urban distribution companies and vehicle manufacturers.

A final workshop will be held in Rotterdam on the 18th of November 2002 to disseminate and share the experiences and knowledge. In this workshop, the final brochure will be presented, the vehicles used in Rotterdam will be shown and it will be possible to discuss the results with the project partners and other participants.

URL: <http://www.elcidis.org>

EDRUL

On April 8th, the e-DRUL European initiative started in Siena. Partially funded within the 7th Call of the IST Programme, e-DRUL will last 30

months and will investigate, develop and demonstrate innovative e-logistics solutions taking as a reference four different European sites: Siena, Lisbon, Aalborg and the "Kenniswijk area" around Eindhoven. The project will pilot innovative urban freight distribution schemes, advanced IT solutions and integration with e-Commerce / e-Business infrastructures.

URL: www.edrul.net

ACCESS IN ZURICH

An expert workshop took place on August 16th about consistent access solutions for urban freight and passenger transport in Zurich West. The purpose was to identify the most critical issues relating to effects and acceptance. Based on the workshop the access concept will be adapted and evaluated. For the end of the year a round table with the relevant actors is planned to discuss and assess possible effects and the acceptance of the solutions. For more information: RAPP Ltd. Engineers and Planners, dieter.egger@rapp.ch.

DELIVERY CURFEWS

In Leeds, UK, a six month trial is being held to assess the removal of late night lorry bans. The Delivery Curfew Initiative (DCI), developed





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by the Freight Transport Association (FTA) and others, will involve night time deliveries to six supermarkets in the city operated by Tesco and Safeway. Provisional research by the FTA and the Commission for Integrated Transport indicates that if curfews on half of the 40% of supermarkets now subject to them were lifted, total fuel savings could be as much as 36m litres of diesel, with an annual mileage saving of 101m kilometres.

MOSCA

A User Forum of the MOSCA project (Decision Support System For Integrated Door-To-Door Delivery: Planning and Control in Logistic Chains) will be held on October 11th 2002 in Padova. MOSCA aims at highly reducing several problems affecting freight distribution in European metropolitan areas, such as booking and reservation procedures, vehicle routing, loading/unloading areas reservations, emergency management support, effective and efficient multimodal inter-connection. The project started on July 1st 2001 with a duration of 24 months. Interested parties can register with Dr. Paola Cossu (cossu@fitconsulting.it).

URL: <http://www.idsia.ch/mosca>

DURHAM ROAD PRICING

Durham County Council in the UK are to introduce a £2 charge for all vehicles using either of the two designated city centre streets between 10am and 4pm. The charge will come into effect from Tuesday 1st October 2002. Drivers will be charged £2 on exiting the area at a pay machine and the system will be monitored by CCTV.

URL: www.durham.gov.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

4-6th September 2002
Logistics Research Network Conference (LRN 2002)
TIC Birmingham, UK
URL: www.tic-online.com/lrn2002

10-12th September 2002
Sustainable Urban Renewal Expo
NEC Birmingham, UK
URL: www.sure-expo.com

12-13th September 2002
8th BESTUFS Workshop
"Successful private public partnership (PPP) enhancing urban goods transport"
Malaga, Spain
URL: www.bestufs.net

19-21st September 2002
TransAsean 2002
Jakarta, Indonesia
1st Asean Transport & Logistics Exhibition & Conference
Venue: Jakarta Convention Centre
Email: transport@ite-exhibitions.com
URL: www.ite-exhibitions.com/trans/transrussia

23-26th September 2002
Creating Sustainable Urban Environments
Oxford, UK
URL: www.brookes.ac.uk/upe5

8-10th October 2002
8th International & 20th National Conference & Exhibition on Natural Gas Vehicles
Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington D.C., USA
URL: www.ngvc.org

18-21st October 2002
Transped 2002
Prague, Czech Republic
9th International Exhibition of Trucks-, Ships-, Rail- and Air Transport, Logistics, Warehouse and Manipulation
Email: j.janacek@incheba.cz
URL: www.incheba.cz

11-12th November 2002
Energy and Transport 2002 Conference
Barcelona, Spain
Highlights include how to satisfy infrastructure demand; the regulatory framework; interoperability and technical solutions; finance and pricing.
URL: http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/energy_transport/

21-22nd November 2002
Promoting excellence in transport – Annual Polis Conference
Brussels, Belgium
One session will focus on "sustainable goods transport in cities, including e-freight".
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25-27th November 2002
International Conference on Seamless and Sustainable Transport
Centre for Transport Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Fax: +65 6793 0997
URL: www.ntu.edu.sg/events.htm

10-12th December 2002
Intermodal Transport & Logistics Exhibition and Conference
Ahoy, Rotterdam
URL: www.intermodal-events.com

20th December 2002
NVVP 2002
Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Congress covering up to date news regarding the national traffic and transport plan.
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