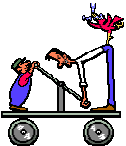


# Overview of Studies & Research Initiatives in Commercial Urban Transport in Ireland

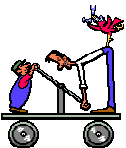





# Some Recent Trends

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- Economic Growth in Ireland
- Land-Use Developments Requiring Mechanised Transport
- Outsourcing of freight transport provision
- Globalisation impacts
- Traffic Congestion
- Environmental Impacts



# Institutional Environment National Transport Research

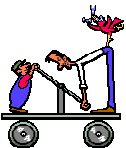
Ministries	Agencies & Initiatives	Projects & Programmes
DoT <i>Commercial Urban Transport</i>	Dublin Transportation Office  Pilot Transport Research Programme	Freight Strategy Study  Sustainable Freight Distribution Feasibility Study (TCD)
DoT  DETE  <i>Other Freight</i>	National Roads Authority  Enterprise Ireland	ITS Freight Study (STREETWISE)  National Institute of Transport & Logistics (DIT) (Supply Chain Management focus on SMEs)
DES DCMNR DELG 	Higher Education Authority Sustainable Energy Ireland Environmental Protection Agency Dublin City Council	Basic Research-(Universities, PRTLTI) Renewable Energy Res., Dev., Demo. Res. and Tech. Development Initiative ITS



# Funding Framework

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- Direct Provision to State Body
- Competitive Calls for Proposals
- Tendering

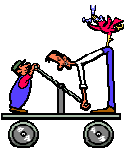




# Key Weaknesses

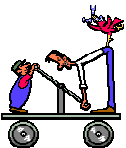
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- No Overarching Transport Research Strategy
- Tendency to Start from First Principles rather than rely on Previous Research Outputs
  - Lack of Statistical Data to facilitate trend analysis
  - Poor Dissemination of Results
- Little Evaluation of Research Output



# Rationale for Co-operation & Co-ordination

- Value for Money for research funding provided
- Scope for complementary Research – *'no need to re-invent the wheel'*
- Structural Co-operation on a *'juste retour'* Basis
- Access to *'Best Practice'* Research Programming





# Websites

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- Department of Transport [www.transport.ie](http://www.transport.ie)
- Dublin Transportation Office [www.dto.ie](http://www.dto.ie)
- Trinity College Dublin [www.tcd.ie/Transport](http://www.tcd.ie/Transport) Research Centre
- National Roads Authority [www.nra.ie](http://www.nra.ie)

