Thematic Network

BEST Urban Freight Solutions

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Thematic Networks

- New project type in the 5th FP
- "Bringing together" experts, projects, research results and stakeholders within one main theme (here: urban goods transport)
- Connecting European and national research and establishing and maintaining a network of expertise
- Identification and collection of good practices
- Dissemination of good practices
- Clustering of projects, activities and results

But

- No deep research efforts are foreseen !!

BESTUFS

WHO ?

- Freight transport experts
- User groups
- Ongoing projects
- Interested cities (POLIS, ACCESS)
- Relevant European Commission Directorates
- National transport authorities

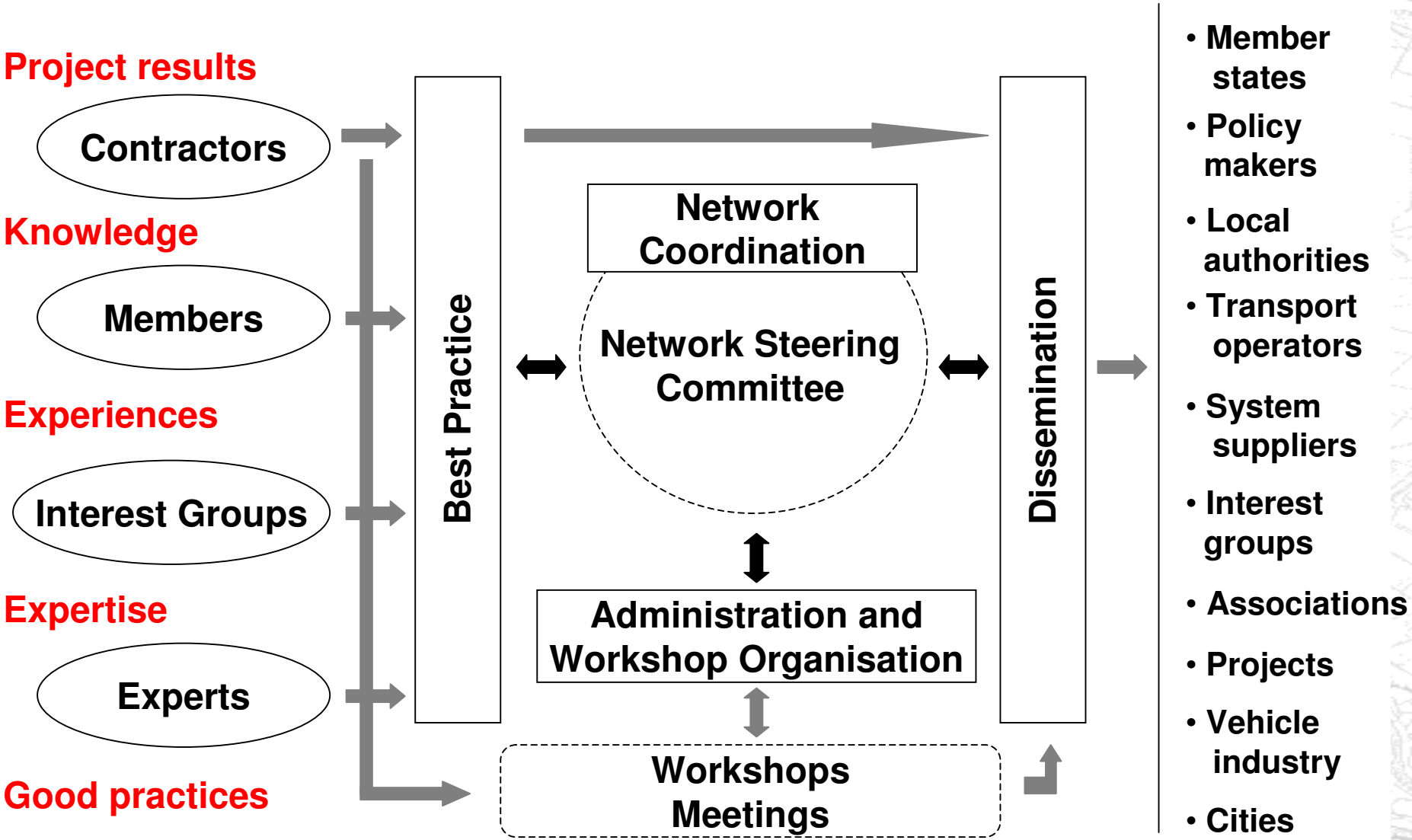
WHAT FOR ?

Identify, describe and disseminate:

- Bottlenecks
- Best practice
- Success criteria

HOW ?

- Bringing together experiences
- Organising workshops
- Acquiring Best practice / Bottlenecks
- Disseminating results


Project results
Contractors
Knowledge
Members
Experiences
Interest Groups
Expertise
Experts
Good practices
Best Practice
Network Coordination
Network Steering Committee
Administration and Workshop Organisation
Workshops Meetings
Dissemination
• Member states
• Policy makers
• Local authorities
• Transport operators
• System suppliers
• Interest groups
• Associations
• Projects
• Vehicle industry
• Cities

Project Partner

Contractors

PTV (Coord.)	**(Germany)**
ARRC	**(UK)**
NEA	**(Netherlands)**
Rapp	**(Switzerland)**
Transman	**(Hungary)**
CDV	**(Czech Rep.)**

Members

TFK	**(Scandinavia)**
Econsult	**(Austria)**
Proinca	**(Spain)**
CSST	**(Italy)**
GART	**(France)**
STRATEC	**(Belgium)**
AUTh	**(Greece)**
POLIS	**(EU)**
Access	**(EU)**
Freightview	**(UK)**
TRACON	**(Estonia)**
SK	**(Poland)**
VUD	**(Slovak Rep.)**
Uni Maribor	**(Slovenia)**
Action M	**(Czech Rep.)**

Network Partner

BESTUFS established contacts with

- More than 20 European cities and regional administrations
- Many European/International Experts
- Interest groups (e.g. POLIS, ACEA, FTA, EVO)
- National networks addressing urban freight, e.g.:
  - Association of Italian cities for sustainable mobility and transport issues (I)
  - Forum for City Logistics (DK)
- European and International bodies, e.g.:
  - IMPACTS (International city transport group)
  - Institute for City Logistics (International)
- Related projects (e.g. ELCIDIS, CUPID)

BESTUFS Workshops (I)

1. **”Identification of thematic network priority themes”**
   (16/17 May 2000 in Brussels, 33 Participants)
2. **”City access, parking regulations and access, access time restrictions and enforcement support”**
   (26/27 September 2000 in Brussels, 29 Participants)
3. **”Optimised city distribution vehicles as demanded by transport operators and cities”**
   (17/18 January 2001 in Turin, 42 Participants)
4. **”Changing urban transport due to E-commerce and E-logistics”**
   (10/11 May 2001 in The Hague, 29 Participants)
5. **”Rail based transport: A disappearing opportunity or a challenge for urban areas?”**
   (30/31 August in Dresden, 28 Participants)

BESTUFS Workshops (II)

6. **”City access fees and urban pricing: What are the consequences for urban freight transport”**
   (8/9 November 2001 in Genoa, 33 Participants)

7. **“Land use planning and business models for urban distribution centres”**
   (25/26 April 2002 in La Rochelle, 44 Participants)

8. **“Public Private Partnership (PPP) enhancing urban goods transport”**
   (12/13 September 2002 in Malaga, 31 Participants)

9. **”Night Delivery: a further option in urban distribution”**
   (23/24 January 2003 in Budapest, 35 Participants)

10. **Joint Workshop EPTR - BESTUFS: “National Research Programmes Addressing Commercial Urban Transport”**
    (28/29 April 2003 in Dublin)

Next BESTUFS Workshops

11. "ITS enabling and supporting urban freight transport processes"
(September 2003 in Portugal)

12. ... to be determined
(16/17 October 2003 in a NAS country)

Forthcoming BESTUFS Conferences

- **BEST Urban Freight Solutions III: „Urban Freight Logistics and the Environment"**
  (22/23 May 2003 in Copenhagen)
- **BEST Urban Freight Solutions IV**
  (13/14 November 2003 in Praha)

BESTUFS Best Practice Handbooks (BPH)

- Statistical data, data acquisition and data analysis regarding urban freight (BPH year 1)
- City Access, parking regulations and access time restrictions and enforcement support (BPH year 1)
- E-Commerce and urban freight distribution (home shopping) (BPH year 2)
- Road Pricing and urban freight (BPH year 3)
- Urban freight platforms (BPH year 3)
- PPP and urban freight (BPH year 4)
- ITS and urban freight (BPH year 4) (still to be written)

Results and Dissemination

- Conferences

Yearly Conference
Barcelona - Paris - Copenhagen - Praha

- Newsletters (3-4 per year)

- Project homepage

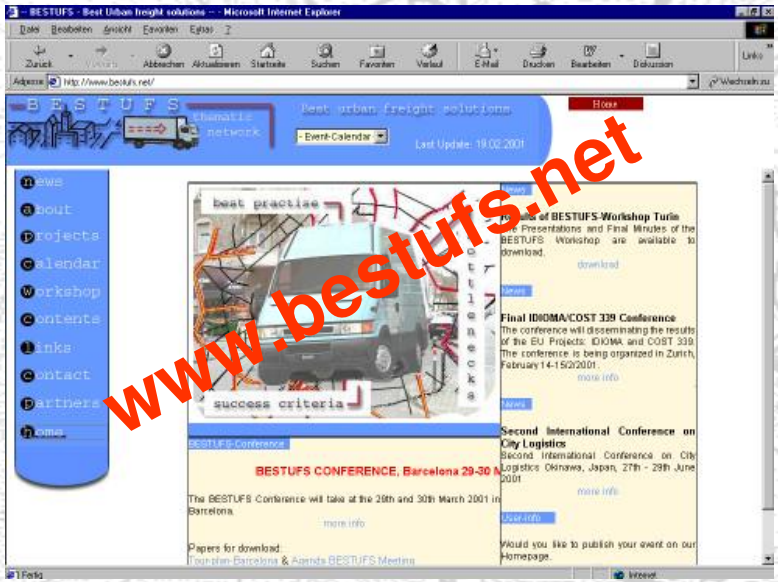
All reports

- Yearly Best Practice Handbook
- Yearly recommendations
- Yearly clustering of project activities

Events

Workshop minutes and presentations

Contact, News, Links, Results, ...



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