



# Overview of the **BESTUFS** Thematic Network

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# BEST Urban Freight Solutions Thematic Network

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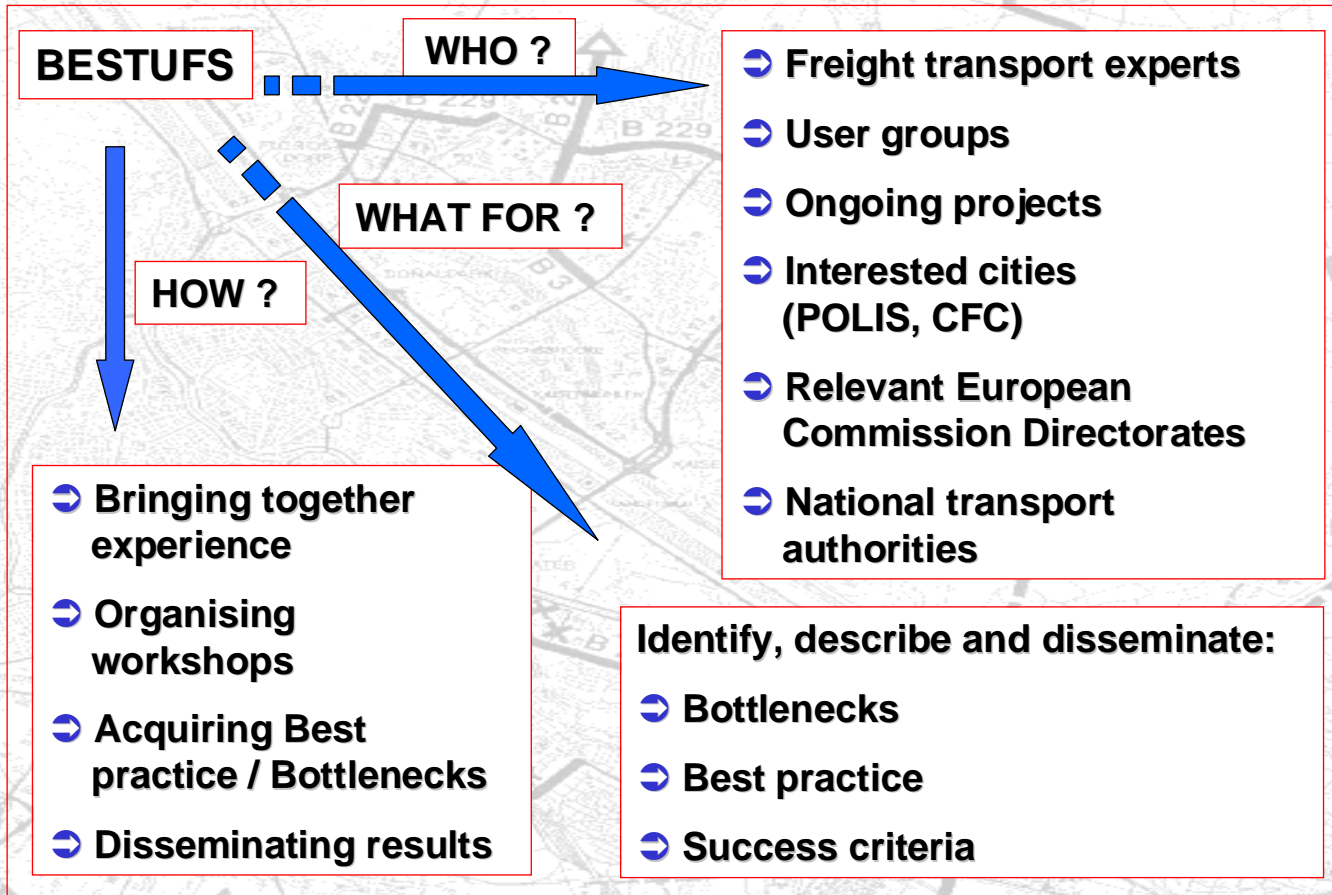
## Thematic Networks

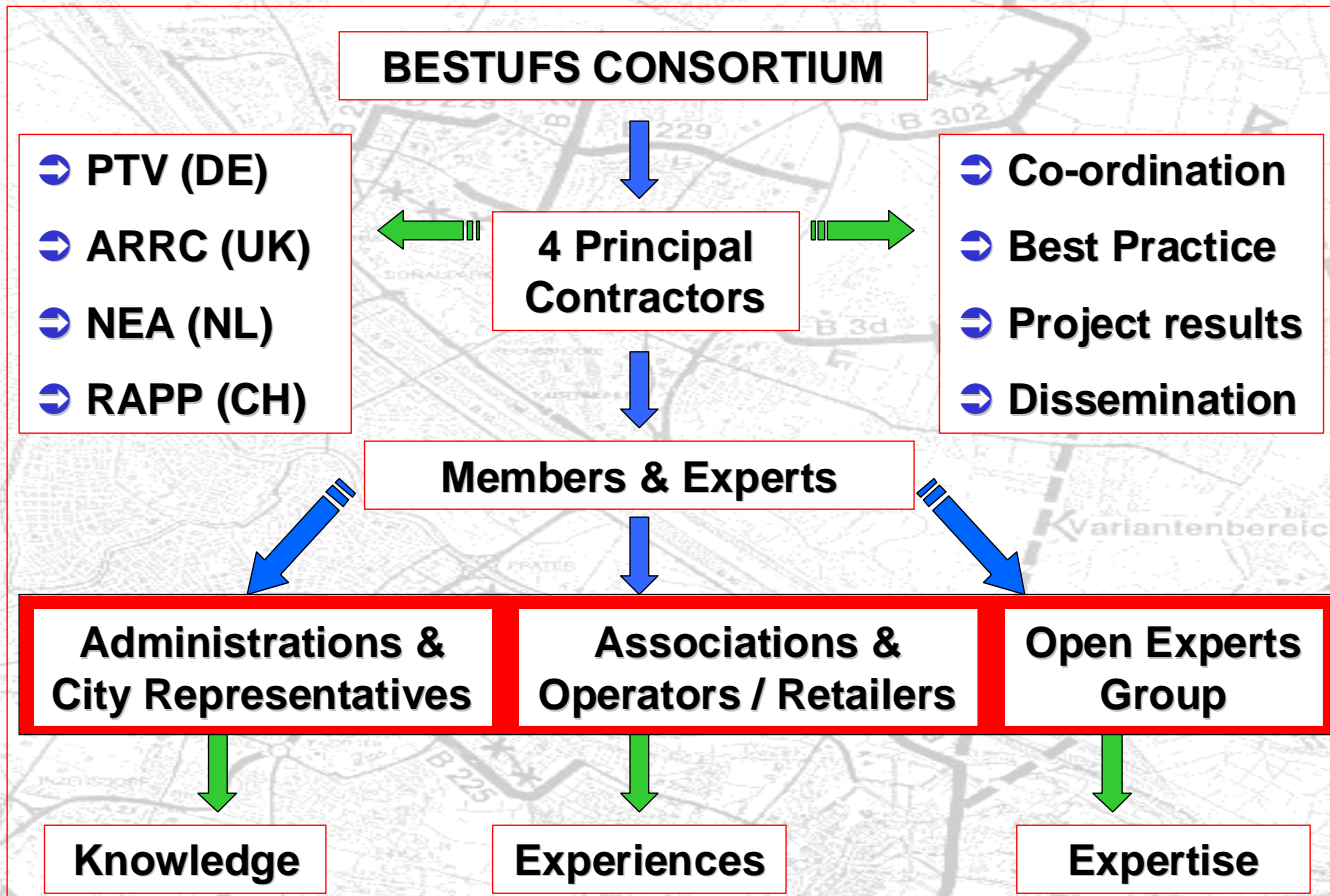
- New project type in the 5th FP
- “Bringing together” experts, projects, research results and stakeholders within one main theme (here: urban goods transport)
- Connecting European and national research and establishing and maintaining a network of expertise
- Dissemination of good practices
- Clustering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

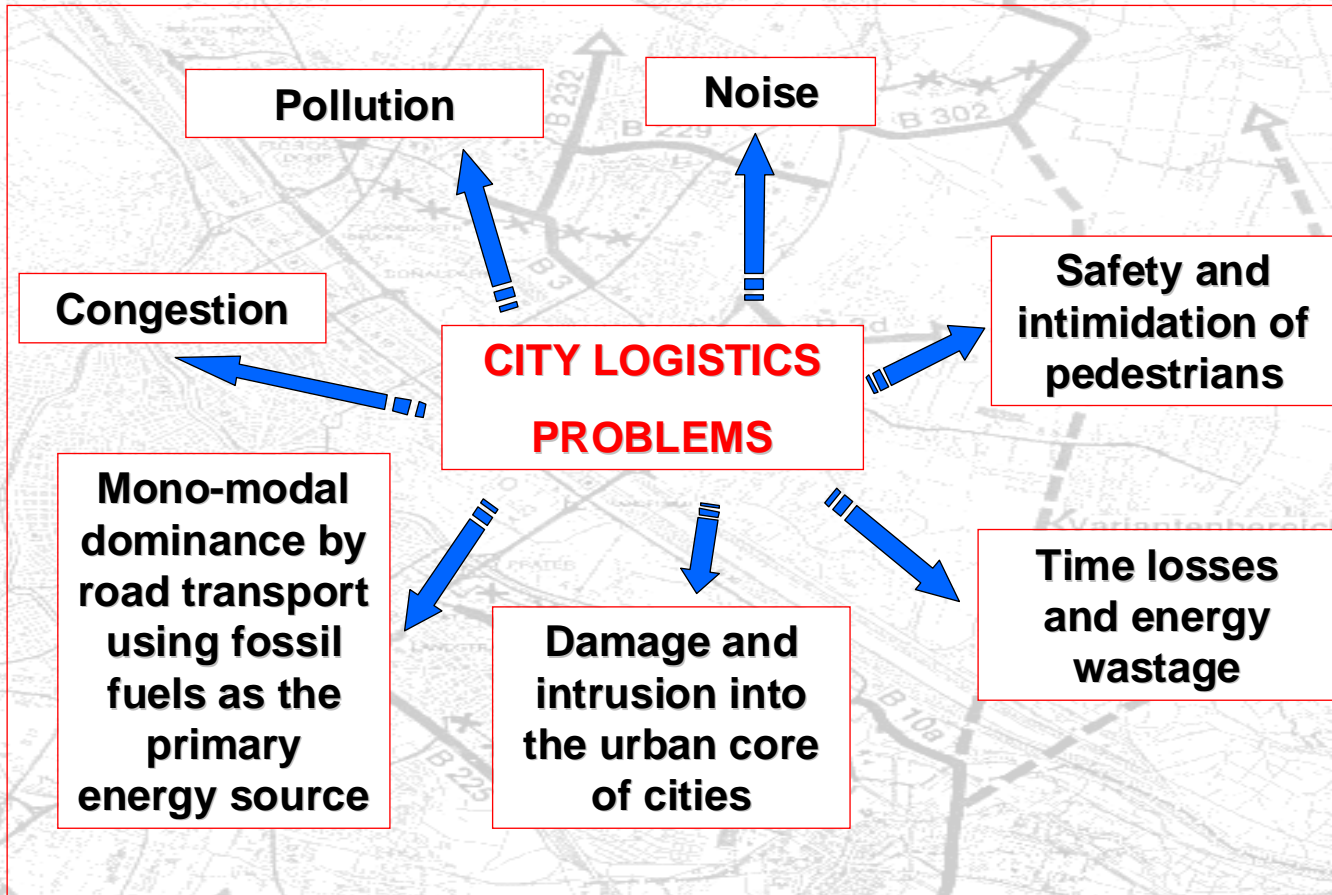
**But:**

- No deep research efforts are foreseen











## Themes (1)

- Statistical data, data acquisition and data analysis regarding urban freight transport
- City access, parking regulations and access time restrictions
- Enforcement support (e.g. by video control)
- Models and methods to deal with the complexity of urban freight transport chains and the shared responsibilities
- Improved management of the urban road space and the kerbside access





## Themes (2)

- Relationship and harmonisation between the urban, regional, national and European legislation
- Innovative urban freight transport ideas (e.g. via underground systems, pipelines, etc.)
- Intelligent transport systems (ITS), transport telematics applications and systems
- Public-private-partnerships (PPP) and stimulation e.g. via freight fora
- Enhanced signage and information systems (e.g. via variable message signs - VMS)





## First Workshops

- ⇒ 1st Workshop in May 2000 (Brussels)  
*"Identification of thematic network priority themes"*
- ⇒ 2nd Workshop in September 2000 (Brussels)  
*"City access, parking regulations and access time restrictions and enforcement support"*
- ⇒ 3rd Workshop in January 2001 (Turin)  
*"Optimised city distribution vehicles as demanded by transport operators and cities"*



## City Access Regulations (1)

- Thematic focus and workshop  
(Thematic focus = European wide acquisition of good/new practices and dissemination)
- Results are described in “BESTUFS Best practice Handbook for 2000” (available April 2001)

### Recommendations:

- “Access regulation” instead of “access restriction”
- Harmonisation of regulations
- Solutions to be derived and decided in PPP

## City Access Regulations (2)

### Addressing:

- Vehicle emission, size and weight
- Delivery time windows
- Preferred truck routes
- Loading and unloading zones
- Licences
- Access slots (Future ?)

How about access control and enforcement control ?





## Statistics Data Availability (1)

- Thematic focus
- Results are described in "BESTUFS Best Practice Handbook for 2000" (available April 2001)

### Situation:

- Only very limited data is available for most cities
- Several cities have acquired in-depth data in direct relation to a project
- Data basis for public transport and general traffic is much better



## Statistics Data Availability (2)

### Situation (cont.):

- European cities have few employees (less than 100% equivalent fulltime staff in average) working on urban freight transport

--> *Statistics data is needed to improve urban freight transport modelling, analysis, planning and decision taking*

### Recommendations:

- *European harmonisation of statistics contents and of acquisition methodologies*
- *Statistical data basis for large European cities*



## BESTUFS Results

- Workshops and workshop minutes
- 3 Conferences
- 3 to 4 newsletters per year, especially after workshops
- Yearly *Best Practice Handbooks*
- Yearly *Clustering Reports*
- Yearly *Recommendations for further Activities*

### Especially in 2000:

- The results of a city questionnaire (43 cities)





## Next Steps

- Next **workshop** on 10-11 May 2001  
Theme: *“Changing urban transport due to E-commerce and E-logistics”*
- **Workshop** on 30-31 August 2001  
 *(“Urban road pricing for freight transports” ??)*
- **Workshop** on 8-9 November 2001  
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**Next thematic focus:** *“Changing urban transport due to E-commerce and E-logistics”*



## Contact, News, Links, Results, ...



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