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# **BESTUFS Conference**

**Sharing Good Practices from East and West**

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## **BESTUFS in short...**

- **Is a Thematic Network focusing on freight distribution in urban areas**
- **Should act as a facilitator in order to ensure that best practices are not lost**
- **Should create the environment for establishing recommendations and highlights best practice scenarios**
- **Should promote solutions suitable for other cities within the European Community**
- **But also be capable to offer tailor-made approaches for generic solutions**



## **BESTUFS challenges**

- **City logistics is a difficult subject matter and is often neglected**
- **The integration of urban freight operations into door-to-door transport and logistics chains is a requirement when developing advanced transport policies**
- **There is a need to build up environmental, friendly and town planning compatible strategies reducing goods transport intensity**
- **Many good examples are existing in Europe and we need to learn from each other**
- **The BESTUFS Network is important to transport and energy in the EU**



# The EC Urban Transport Priorities

- **The 6th Framework Research Programme**
  - ◆ **BESTUFS II**
  - ◆ **CIVITAS II**
- **The Freight Integrator Action Plan**
- **The Development of an Intermodal Passenger Transport Policy**



## **BESTUFS II**

**Following an open competition, I am pleased to be able to announce that there will be a continuation to BESTUFS as part of**

**Priority.6.2: Sustainable Surface Transport**  
*Area 3.9: City Logistics*

**with the following additions/innovations:**



## **BESTUFS II**

### **Augmented in three major ways:**

- **Broad geographic coverage / provision and dissemination of guides about best practises in different languages**
- **Quantification of urban freight solutions to EU policy objectives**
- **Review of existing urban freight transport models and data structures**



# CIVITAS II

## What is CIVITAS II about?

- **CIVITAS is looking for radical change: Integrated demonstrations of technology and policy measures in the field of energy & transport**
- **CIVITAS is about cities**
  - ◆ **Cities have to be in the core of the consortia + relevant partnership**
  - ◆ **High political commitment**
  - ◆ **A reduced number of laboratories**



# CIVITAS II

## Call for proposals

- **CIVITAS represents an integrated approach to Clean Urban Transport combining:**
  - ◆ alternative fuels/energy efficient vehicles
  - ◆ urban transport policy measures
- **Based on thematic priorities contained in FP6**
  - ◆ Sustainable Energy Systems (1.6.1)
  - ◆ Sustainable Surface Transport (1.6.2)



## **CIVITAS II**

- **CIVITAS II Call will close on 17 December 2003**
- **The evaluation process will take place in February 2004**
- **Contracts signature by the end of 2004**
- **It is expected to select 15-20 additional CIVITAS cities**
- **In CIVITAS II, special emphasis is laid on Accession countries, medium sized cities and alternative fuels + clean vehicles**



# The Freight Integrator Action Plan

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- The White Paper of 12th September 2001 announced that the Commission wished to encourage the development of transport flow organisers - Freight Integrators
- The purpose is to contribute to the Mode Shift policy and at the same time improve the quality of intermodal freight transport.
- Possible actions could include training, promotion, quality standards, voluntary commitments, information systems etc. etc.
- We wish to support the development of existing actors - NOT to create a new profession.



# The Freight Integrator Action Plan

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- The Commission is considering four areas of action:
- ◆ Improve knowledge, awareness and understanding of intermodal transport
  - ◆ Simplify intermodal transport through further standardisation
  - ◆ Foster the commitment and cooperation of transport users
  - ◆ Clarify the responsibility and accountability in intermodal transport



# **The Freight Integrator Action Plan**

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- **A Public consultation was launched on 1st October 2003 with a closing date on 29th October 2003. Consultation document available on the DG TREN website.**
- **Commission Communication (Q4 2003) will set out the actions that will be taken in the next years.**



## **Intermodal Passenger Transport**

- **We are also looking into passenger intermodality in order to evaluate what could be the role of the Community in fostering a more balanced passenger transport system**
- **A study will be launched end of 2003 and the results made available end of 2004.**
- **Based on the study results, practical recommendations for actions will be envisaged at Community level, taking into account the principle of subsidiarity**



# Possible Future Activities

(subject to budgetary possibilities)

*Third Call / June 2004 - December 2004*

- Area 3.4: Intermodal Freight Transport Systems, technologies and strategies
- Area 3.5: Intermodal Freight Transport Management System
- Area 3.6: Improved Intermodal Loading Units
- Area 3.7: Services and information for intermodal passengers
- Area 3.8: Logistics Best Practices



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