

Annex 1

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On the establishment of the European Platform of Transport Sciences

With the enlargement of the European Union entities dealing with engineering, economic or social activities in the transport field are confronted with numerous unresolved issues requiring a scientifically sound approach. A sustainable co-operation among the national scientific transport associations provides access to comprehensive scientific knowledge and experience. Future researchers interested in transport sciences are confronted with needs and challenges for a transport community capable of delivering input for policy makers and industry decision makers in the context of a transport policy for a wider Europe.

With reference to the impacts of the upcoming EU enlargement an invitation is extended to national scientific associations in Europe to envisage joining this co-operation initiative.

The signatory parties express their determination to develop a „European Platform of Transport Sciences“ acknowledging the long-term goal of the establishment of a “European Scientific Transport Association”.

In the light of the above the signatory associations express their

intention

- to devote particular emphasis to questions regarding European transport policy and development by reflecting on innovative approaches to the choice of activities and work programmes.
- to set up and maintain exchange of positions and information, especially with regard to issues having a transnational and cross-border focus.
- to formulate and scientifically elaborate on relevant topics with a European dimension.
- to hold on a regular basis „European Transport Congresses“.

- to initiate a dialogue with policy makers and the industry on topics related to transnational transport while conveying outcomes to the professional public during events and publications. Setting up an internet-portal could contribute to the establishment of a virtual discussion platform.
- to allow for the exchange of periodical publications with the future perspective to publish a series titled „European contributions to transport“.
- to exchange announcements of events allowing for participation.
- to establish common public relations activities.
- to support future European transport researchers in the exchange among students and graduates of universities and higher education establishments in the transport sciences and to promote further qualification initiatives.

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