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ERTRAC Research Framework:

ERTRAC refines its Research Framework to a more detailed “Implementation Plan”. The publication will highlight the strategic research priorities derived from the major challenges, which European road transport has to face:

- Urban Mobility
- Road Transport Energy & Environment
- Long Distance Freight Transport
- Road Transport Safety

A draft will be available in electronic form for consultation before Christmas. It will be published as brochure at the TRA 2008 in Ljubljana (21.-25. April 2008).

ERTRAC Conference “European Road Transport and Climate Change”, 26 September 2007:

Bringing together all the major stakeholders in road transport, the ERTRAC conference held on 26 September in Brussels addressed the issue of climate change.

András Sieglér, DG RTD said: “Road transport represents a major source of industrial activity, economic revenue, employment, knowledge and technological development in Europe, but the demand for transport is constantly growing, and can no longer be sustained by the environment and available energy sources.”

ERTRAC Chairman Rudi Kunze defined the situation in scientific terms, laying out a range of data showing alarming trends in transport, energy use and already visible consequences.



In conclusion, the general opinion was that a systematic approach to road transport issues linking vehicles, infrastructure and users, must guide the European research priorities to adequately address the issue of climate change.

All presentations are available as download from the ERTRAC web-site.

Urban mobility task force:

Urban Mobility is one of the most important issues for ERTRAC in 2008. Together with ERRAC (the rail ETP) a joint task force on urban mobility will be established, chaired by Sylvain Haon of POLIS. The focus is on co-modality issues in urban areas, which can not be brought forward by one transport mode alone.

National RTD Initiatives Overview

The third update of the overview of national research initiatives is online (www.ertrac.org/publications.htm). Further input and updated country descriptions and information about research programmes can be sent to office@ertrac.org.

Upcoming Activities:

- Transportation Research Board Meeting, 13.-17. January 2008, Washington (US): For the first time ERTRAC together with the EC will be present with a stand and presentations at this important event.
- TRA Conference, 21.-25. April 2008, Ljubljana (Slovenia): REGISTER NOW at www.tra2008.si!



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