

SLOVENIA'S 2008 EU PRESIDENCY TRANSPORT PRIORITIES

AND THE UPCOMING EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS ACTION PLAN

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Focus on

- EC Initiatives and activities and Slovene Presidency priorities (overview)
- meeting points where opportunities for ITS deployment arise!

SI Presidency

Slovenia 6 months Presidency january – july 2008.

The transport priorities (some inherited) of the Slovene Presidency focus on:

- safety in maritime transport,
- road transport safety,
- railway transport and logistics,
- further implementation of GALILEO programme.

- *developing Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) with an emphasis on more efficient connections between maritime and land transport plus Western Balkans TEN-T development.*

SI Presidency

- **Air transport package:**

- Single European Sky;
- SESAR (Project of Modernisation of Air Traffic Management in Europe);
- EASA
- Third package: a proposal for a regulation on common rules for the operation of air transport services in the Community (so-called Third Package) amends and unifies three regulations of the Council of the EU (2407/92, 2408/92 and 2409/92);
- Airport Charges;
- Revision of the Regulation on a Code of conduct for computerized reservation systems;
- Security Agreements.

SI Presidency

- **Maritime package:**

- Third Package on Maritime Safety;
- Integrated Maritime Policy, White or Green Paper on Maritime Policy and Integrated Maritime Policy;
- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding minimal standards for trainings for seafarers.

- **Rail Package:**

- Proposal for a Directive on the Interoperability of the Community's Rail System;
- Proposal for a directive amending the Community's railway safety directive;
- Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation on establishing a European Railway Agency.

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- **Road Package:**

- Proposal for a Directive on Road Infrastructure Safety Management;
- Proposal for a Regulation establishing common rules concerning the conditions to be complied with to pursue the occupation of road transport operator;
- Proposal for a Regulation on common rules for access to the international road haulage market;
- Proposal for a Regulation on common rules for the international carriage of passengers by coach and bus.

- **Horizontal issues:**

- Galileo;
- Action plan for Freight Transport Logistics ;
- Directive on Intermodal Loading Units;
- Green Paper on Urban Transport;
- Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T);
- Proposal for a Directive on the Inland Transport of Dangerous Goods.

EC Initiatives

1. European Commission Green Transport Package (GTP):

Communication on greening the transport sector

- ITS Action Plan - "Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) for more efficient, safer and cleaner road transport";
- Green Propulsion.

Internalisation of external costs

→ Directive 38/2006/EC (Eurovignette) amendments.

2. White Paper on Adaptation to Climate Change

Green Transport Package

The three major challenges in the provision of sustainable transport include:

- reduction of **congestion** and optimum use of the existing **capacity**;
- increase traffic **safety**;
- address the negative impact on the environment while increasing energy efficiency and reducing the dependency on fossil fuel.

Opportunities for ITS

- The 2006 review of the White Paper on Transport Policy “*Keep Europe Moving*” highlighted the contribution that **innovation** can make to meet these challenges (via information and communication technologies – ICT - applied to transport).
- These applications are commonly known as **Intelligent Transport Systems and Services (ITS)**.

Meeting point



The (easy)way forward

EU needs to play an active role towards the introduction of ITS because:

- European policies need a strong ITS component to face the challenges of today (infrastructure capacity, transport safety/security and environmental considerations);
- ITS is a powerful tool to make mobility safer, more efficient and more comfortable;
- transport modes need to work together much more closely;
- Need for an overall organization that can not be provided without public efforts at European level;
- deployment based on policy priorities and political considerations, common components and a clear timeline.

How ?

Identified high level objectives:

1. Put in place a **consistent and comprehensive policy framework**
2. Provide a robust framework for **co-operation with the main stakeholders**;
3. Create real **ownership** of different ITS applications, and
→ State the **business case** for ITS.

Initiatives

- This initiative benefits from a series of ongoing initiatives such as:
 - The 2007 Action Plan on Freight transport Logistics,
 - the 2008 Action Plan for the Urban Transport, Galileo deployment,
 - the internalization of external costs proposal of 2008,
 - the i2010 initiative on Intelligent Cars,
 - e-Safety,
 - the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development,
 - European Technology Platforms (e.g. ERTRAC, the European Road Transport Research Advisory Council) and their strategic research agendas,
 - CARS 21 agenda,
 - the integrated approach to reduce CO2 emissions from road transport, etc.
 - and its outcome will serve as the basis for the **major initiative on ITS for 2008** already announced in the revision of the [White Paper on European Transport Policy](#).

- The public authorities at all levels (European, national, local) have the overall responsibility for the provision of transport and should therefore have a key role developing a cohesive deployment strategy for ITS.

Instruments

- The Commission has earmarked over 2 billion € in **financial support** for the development and deployment of ITS technologies across different transport modes over the 2007-2013 period through its research and trans-European network programs;
- Standardization (harmonisation of standards, interoperability etc);
- Legislation.

Summary

- The Slovenian presidency is focused on safety in maritime transport, road transport safety, railway transport and logistics, as well as on the **implementation of GALILEO and TEN-T programmes subjects**;
- It is in line with the Commission Green Transport Package and its major challenges: **safety, mobility and sustainable development** of transport in EU;
- Deployment oriented EC **ITS Action Plan along with inclusion of external costs** to the overall cost of transportation in EU will benefit both european transport co-modality and citizens;
- ITS deployment need **a common framework: policy, co-operation, ownership of applications**;
- **Instruments**: more R&D fundings, standardisation, stronger and binding legislation.