CERTAIN
Central European Research in Transport Infrastructure

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What is CERTAIN?

- Cluster of three projects, focusing on NMS and answering the 6FW call:

  Design and manufacture of new construction concepts for road, …… that are high quality, cost effective, energy efficient, low noise, safer, risk mitigating and low maintenance, and that promote rapid infrastructure renewal.
Reasons

1. Population speaking English
Reasons

2. Only partners from a few NMS active in FP4 and FP5

3. Poor success of NMS and other CEEC in the first 2 calls of FP6 on SST:
   - 6% of partners
   - 3% of funding
History

- BRACE (Better Roads Across Central Europe) in 2004
- Meeting in Ljubljana in December 2004
- 3rd call in April 2005
- 2 meetings with DG RTD in 2005
- 3 STREPs + CA
  - SPENS: Mojca Turk (ZAG)
  - RIMAT: Karel Pospišil (CDV)
  - ARCHES: Tomasz Wierzbicki (IBDiM)
  - CERTAIN: Aleš Žnidarič (ZAG)
Result of evaluation

Cluster of 3 projects:

• **SPENS** Sustainable Pavements for New Member States

• **ARCHES** Assessment and Rehabilitation of CE Highway Structures

• **CERTAIN** Central European Research in Transport Infrastructure
CERTAIN cluster members

C Coordinator

- New member states
- Central and Eastern European countries
- Western European countries
CERTAIN Coordination Action

- **Coordination Action** ⇒
  - coordinates research activities
  - does not do research

- **Objectives:**
  1. Establish and maintain efficient links between projects from the area of road infrastructure.
  2. Register end-users from NMS and CEEC and organise their activities.
CERTAIN Coordination Action

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3. Develop a web based platform, to provide links with the end-users and means for efficient promotion of results.

4. Organise regional workshops in mother languages.

5. Translate the key cluster documents.
Organisation of workshops

- Session at TRA 2008 Ljubljana
- NR2C/ CERTAIN seminar in 2007
- Final seminars in 2009
- Workshop at TRA 2010
- Polish workshop
- Czech/ Slovak workshop
- Slovene/ Croatian / Serbian/ BIH workshop
- Baltic workshop
- Hungarian workshop
Management training

• to implement management training for new leaders of collaborative European projects:
  – 2 courses – each in 2 phases – to learn processes for successfully delivering large multi-national projects
  – supported by training material and web-based tools
  – for approximately 30 future project managers
  – at least 50% of the participants from the NMS and CEEC
Management training

• develop understanding of the specific requirements related to EC projects
• increase familiarity with the EC structure, organisation, physical location and processes
• develop a network of project managers
Exploitation

• to prepare a package of web instruments and tools, including the relevant databases, for the collection, dissemination and exploitation of knowledge

• to achieve and develop efficient synergies with clustered projects and other major initiatives launched at European level

• to translate and publish the main inputs from the SPENS and ARCHES projects

• to coordinate promotional and dissemination activities regarding European events and actions
Current status

Half way thorough:
- Half of international events completed
- Both PMT courses completed
- Season of national workshops starting
- Translation of key cluster project documents not started yet
THANK YOU!