



PRESS RELEASE

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The TransNEW Project is part of the Coordination and Support Actions for the EU Framework 7 Programme, aimed at supporting transport research activities in the new Member States. It also stimulates, encourages and facilitates the participation of the new Member States and particularly of the SMEs in those countries in national, regional and European research. TransNEW covers **all transport modes**, aeronautics included, aiming to potentially exploit the synergies between air and surface transport modes. TransNEW is assessing the transport research actors who can make an active contribution to the joint objectives of enhancing competitiveness, anticipating and responding to the social-economic and environmental challenges of the transport system.

The project began on 01 January 2010, has 16 Partners and will last for 24 months. The project aims to map the transport research capacities in the new Member and Associated States by analysing their transport research activities to establish recent patterns of collaboration. This information will be evaluated by Mode and by Activity and will be used to maximise the benefits of transport research at both regional and mode level. The end result will be an International TransNEW database mapping these research capacities and capabilities.

TransNEW will provide a publicly accessible international database to foster links and search for partners from the European scientific community, in order to consolidate the European Research Area (ERA) in transport, thus facilitating the integration of universities, authorities, large research institutions and companies – particularly SMEs. The database will be continuously enlarged, as the information can be entered directly, by any interested party. The database will be going “live” in 2011.

The progress of TransNEW is being disseminated through a variety of ways including the TransNEW website which is now up and running and can be located at www.transnew.eu. The website gives an overview of the project and the work involved in each Work Package. There is a page illustrating the TransNEW Regions and countries that are taking part from the New Member and Associated States.

The TransNEW newsletters are available for download on the “News” page at www.transnew.eu/#/news/4541953615. “Events” has their own page on the site and at present this page lists the proposed dates for the 8 TransNEW regional workshops. Check at www.transnew.eu/#/events/4538341693 to see if there will be a workshop in your country or region. If you are interested in attending a workshop you can register your interest at the bottom this page.

If you are an SME, there is a dedicated focus on your organisations and the contributions that SMEs bring to projects. The EU is aiming to increase the participation of SMEs in European projects and TransNEW has this dedicated SME focus. You can register to be on the SME database by visiting www.transnew.eu/#/sme-focus/4547727129 and registering your interest to [Euromobilita s.r.o.](http://Euromobilita.s.r.o) who is the Czech Republic partner responsible for setting up the SME database.

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