

EuroRoadS workshop on Specification framework

was held on 2-3 November in Paris

The aim of the workshop was to go into detail concerning the establishment of a specification framework that will underpin interoperability in the handling of road data between organisations and countries in Europe.

The workshop, which was held at the head office of Institut Géographique National (IGN-F), attracted 17 participants from 10 different organisations. The participants represented different areas of expertise (standardisation, data modelling, quality methods, marketing, etc), which implied valuable outcomes from the workshop.

An important basis for the workshop was a document from WP6 “Report on preliminary findings and directions for the specification work” (Deliverable D6.1). This document contains information about existing national and European road data solution, standardisation work within ISO, CEN and on national levels, which are of interest for the EuroRoadS concept. The report also includes preliminary recommendations on data structure, data content and data exchange mechanisms.

During the workshop the ISO 19100 family of standards and their usability for EuroRoadS was presented as well as different national road data solutions.

The discussions during the workshop dealt mainly with the definition of “core European road data” and the possibility to introduce different conformance quality levels in order to satisfy basic pan-European needs as well as more demanding applications.

The outcome from the workshop will be used when finalising the reports “Draft specification of road network model” (Deliverable D6.2) and “Draft specification of core European road data” (Deliverable D6.4, which are scheduled for end of December 2004.

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