



EuroRoadS Closing Workshop

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Observations and conclusions





Operational goals

- EuroRoadS meets the operational goals being defined in the project setup
- Timely and meets important requirements
 - SDI (INSPIRE, national, regional, local). However both pros and cons from INSPIRE
 - links ITS, geomatics and services
- Suitable technical approach – but important to make use of the results, not a new RADEF
- A formal standardisation needs further development
- The commercial framework needs development
- (Dis)advantages from running an EC-funded project



Concerns

- EuroRoadS spec's too open and data exchange requires additional data conversion
- ITS and other applications are in a global market – a European focus is too limited
- The demands are changing extremely rapidly
- The timetable for uptake and implementation





Expectations

- EuroRoadS as a basis for more efficient public-private co-operation – not at least for eSaftey
- Supporting development in countries where a national road database is going to be established as part of the NSDI
- The industry cannot wait until 2012 for eSaftey information. However, EuroRoadS can contribute to the development



Priorities

- Keep the vision alive – set priorities for next 2 years
- Establish efficient forms for dissemination of information, best practises, co-operation, etc
- Focus (and deliver benefit) at the national level
 - adoption of specifications
 - development of best practises
- European level
 - agreement on standards (INSPIRE?)
 - organisational/business model for pan-European service



Conclusions

- Important harmonisation exercise within transport networks
- Clear potential to contribute to INSPIRE and development of ITS as well as for more efficient co-operation
- Support for the proposed implementation and exploitation activities, including the establishment of a EuroRoadS Forum

But

- Need harmonisation with other data themes
- Let's avoid duplication of work
- Generic solutions need intelligent compromises



The way forward





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