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Transport and Urban Development

**SUCCESS STORIES AND THE FUTURE OF
TRANSPORT AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT - TUD**

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THE PRESENT: **Early Stage Researchers' Activities**

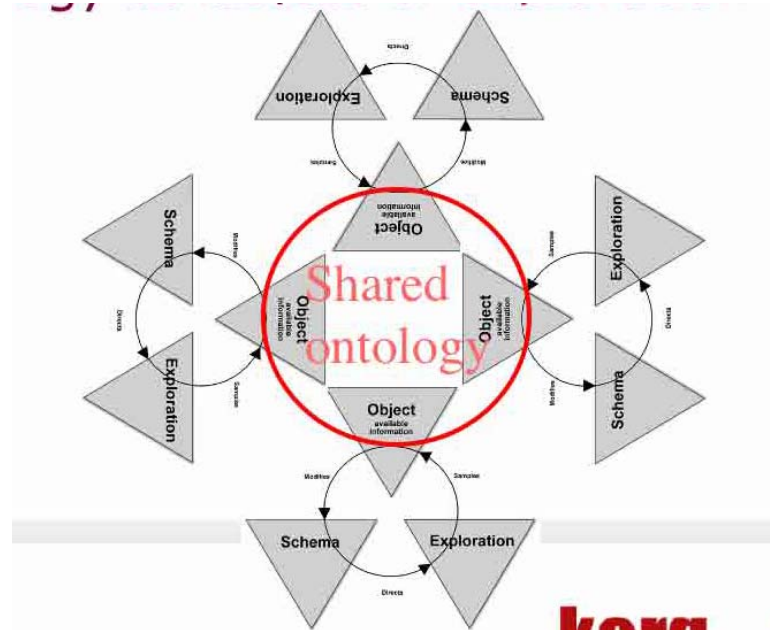
- ~ 25% Early Stage Scientists in COST Actions
 - **358: 35 %**
 - **C25: 30 %**
- 20% of TUD COST Actions managed by scientists under 40 years old.



- Collection date (OC-2010-1)
 - **55 % of pre-proposals = Early stage researchers**
- Early Stage scientist network (10 participants)
 - **C20**
 - **TU0602**

Scientific “breakthroughs”

- Towntology (C21)
 - Integration of all civil engineering related fields
 - Output: New concept of urban ontology to improve communication between civil engineering projects



Scientific “breakthroughs”

- Urban Knowledge arena (C20)
 - Integration of academia & practitioners
 - Output: New approach of urban planning (integrated and participative versus master plan)



Huge impact in Sweden; the chair is invited to be involved in urban planning at national level following the release of the outputs of the cost actions



Socio-economic **impacts**

- In-vehicle information systems and road safety (352)
 - Integration of a few European car manufacturers (BMW, Renault, Mercedes, etc.) & road authorities
 - **Outputs:**
 - Rules for road traffic and vehicle equipment
 - Rules for drivers' education and training for the appropriate use of In-Vehicle Information Systems



- **Impacts**

- Contribution to European standard
- Improve road safety

Outputs (352)

- Interaction between 4 different types of IVIS (In-Vehicle Information Systems) and the Driver

Mobile phone

Navigation (GPS etc.)



“Infotainment” & Internet



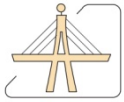
Impacts (352)



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353 - Winter Service strategies for increased European road safety

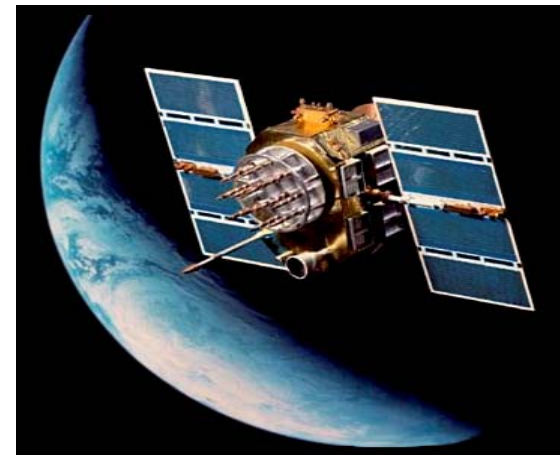
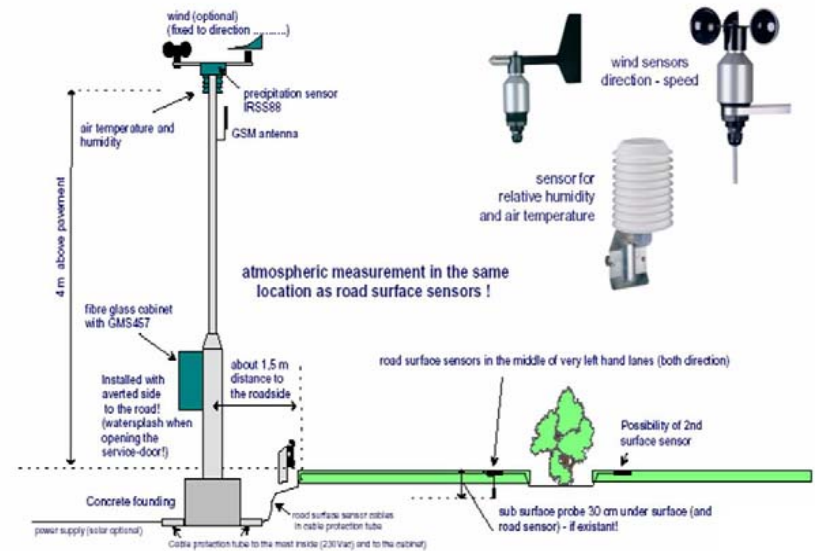


● Network

- Researchers in road pavements, civil engineering, climatology, meteorology, economics...
- Integration of road authorities & operators as well as manufacturers of winter management tools & engines

Outputs (353)

- Winter Maintenance Management Systems (WMMS) uses
 - sensors & nanotechnology
 - satellite supported GIS and other measuring equipment
 - fast data transfer and decision making evaluation software tools
 - models for local weather forecasting





Socio-economic impacts

- Structural Glass- Novel Design Methods and Next Generation Products areas (TUO905)

- **Objectives:** better predictions of complex loads on glass structures, material characterisation, incorporation of risk analysis and post-fracture performance, and production of novel glass assemblies



- **Expected impacts:**

- European standard
- Strengthen Europe's leading position in the glass products market
- Improve safety of glass products & buildings
- Reduction in embodied energy



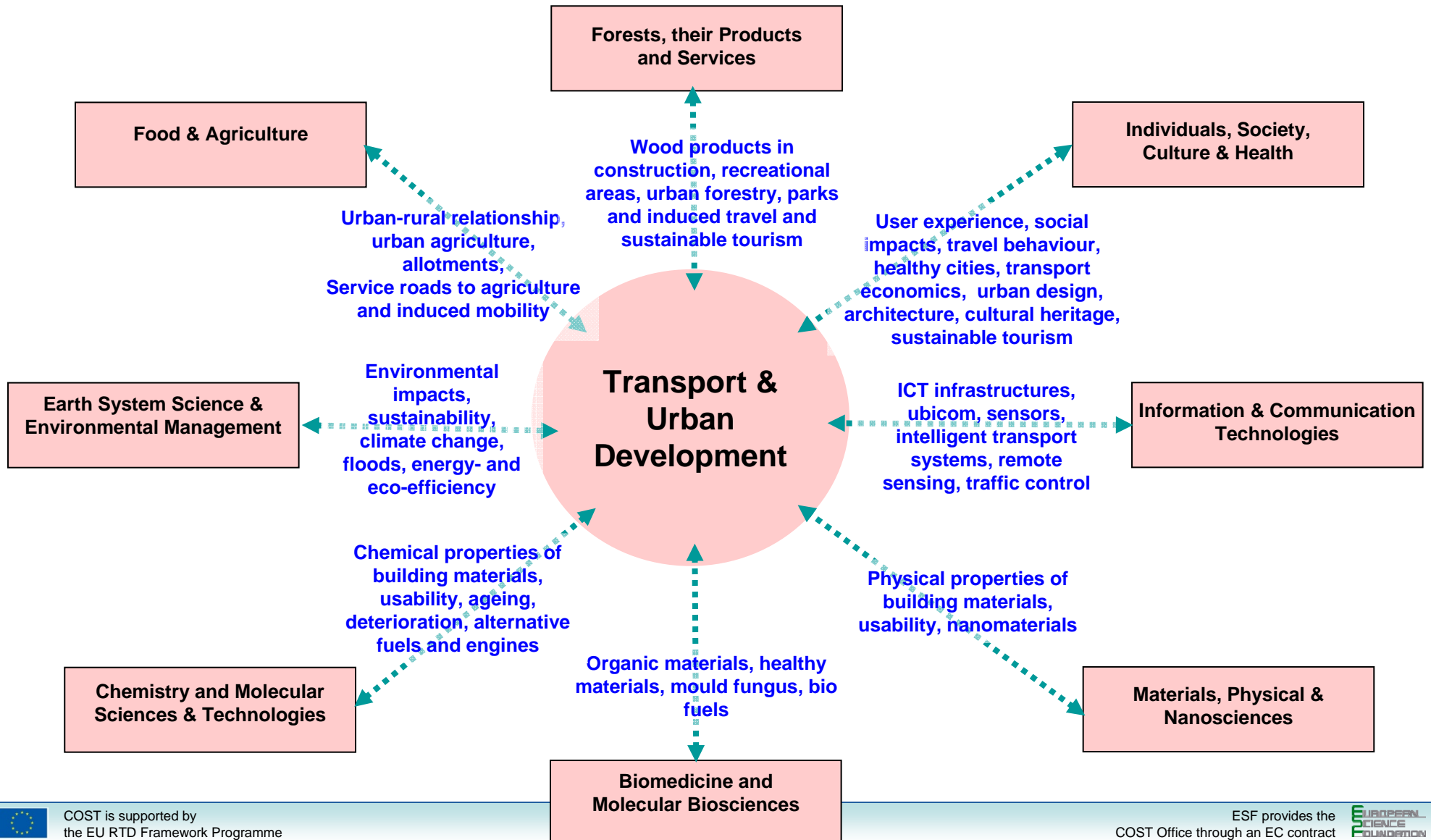
Socio-economic impacts

- Integrated Fire Engineering and Response (TU0904)
 - Forum of experts from research community, practitioners, building control and fire fighting authorities
 - Objective: to utilise the latest opportunity of the fire engineering based on fire dynamics, structural fire engineering, active/passive fire protection, environmental protection and human response to disasters



- Expected impacts:
 - Contribution to European standard
 - Reduce and prevent damages from fire

The TUD framework





The **FUTURE** of the research in TUD: **context**

- A vast majority of European citizens are living in urban areas
- Urban issues will therefore also have their place in future research agendas
- Past Framework Programmes paid attention to urban issues (FP5, Civitas in FP6 and FP7)
- More recently, the relevance and impact of research and innovation on urban issues → European Economic Recovery Plan published in December 2008



The **FUTURE** of the research in TUD: **starting point**

- At present a proposal is being discussed to select “The City of the Future” as one of the spearheads for developing joint programming- activities between the Member States of the European Union
- The scientific field covered by COST TUD, the flexibility of the COST mechanisms as well as its bottom-up basements places COST TUD in a unique position to coordinate and identify niche of research to address the challenges of the future cities



We are building future research in TUD

- A workshop aiming at gathering authoritative experts in the field of activities of TUD in order:
 - to map the problems and challenges regarding the (built) urban environment and urban mobility;
 - to reach a shared vision of the future and be able to derive an action plan and issues for a strategic research agenda
- The invited experts will be policy makers and other stakeholders on the one hand, and representatives of the research community on the other hand



The **FUTURE** of the research in TUD: **solution**

- The **workshop** is subdivided into 4 blocks:
 - a global and holistic view on developments in urbanised areas and their future problems and challenges;
 - a more in depth analysis along the lines of different functions cities perform;
 - the role and contribution of science and technology;
 - Panel discussion and elements for an action plan and strategic research agenda



The **FUTURE** of the research in TUD: **solution**

- **4 groups** of participants will be invited:
 - policy makers: DG TREN ("Green paper on urban mobility, CIVITAS), national governments, European Parliament...
 - end users (including local authorities): POLIS (European cities), UITP (public transport) ...
 - research community: universities, COST-participants, research institutes (e.g. ECTRI-network, EURFORUM, ...)
 - COST representatives: CSO, COST secretariat
- **Plus:** non COST selected participants coming from USA, Australia, Japan, etc.



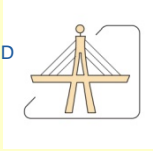
The **FUTURE** of the research in TUD: **solution**

- **GLOBAL CHALLENGES**
 - Definition of vision/challenge/scope
 - Challenges of European cities
 - Challenges of Megacities
- **THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CITIES**
 - Economic function of the city
 - Living and surviving in Cities or Cities as human systems
 - The city as a policy object



The **FUTURE** of the research in TUD: **solution**

- **SHAPING THE FUTURE: CONTRIBUTION FROM RESEARCH**
 - The future of research on urban issues
 - Planning our urban future
 - European Strategic Agenda on Urban Mobility
 - Standards and Research, a key issue for Europe's competitiveness
- **SOLUTIONS FROM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO SOCIETAL CHALLENGES**
 - Green Cities / SMART Cities
 - Sustainable Architecture, Construction and Materials



THE MORAL OF THE STORY

- THE FUTURES OF THE CITIES

**AND AN INDEPENDENT COST CAN
BUILD OUR FUTURE**

- OUR FUTURE

DON'T FORGET IT !!!