



FEHRL also participates in projects that cover all four Research Areas and are aimed at the training and dissemination of high-quality information. On the next pages we bring you a selection of "horizontal" projects that aim at international cooperation (EUTRAIN), reaching out to young and senior researchers (TRA Visions) and the training of PhD students (TEAM).

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN TRANSPORT RESEARCH

### BUILDING A FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT RESEARCH COOPERATION WITH EUTRAIN

The EU and other major entities of "global" importance such as the US, Japan, Australia, South America, India, China and Russia are all buffeted by the same common transport related challenges. Due to the need for efficient transport and limited resources there is a need for common research. As the European Transport Research Area (ERA-T) takes shape, international transport research collaboration can both help its further strengthening and internal cohesion as well as boost Europe's competitiveness in the global economy. The 24-month FP7 EUTRAIN project, coordinated by ECTRI, puts forward a framework for international cooperation in transport research between the ERA-T and other regions. EUTRAIN, which runs until the end of November this year, builds upon the existing experience and know-how in this field - that has been gained through specific actions and projects such as DETRA (outlined in the first issue of FIRM magazine) - and goes one step further to make recommendations and policies that will be "ripe" for implementation.

FEHRL and its umbrella members have been involved in establishing potential fields of interest, as well as barriers/gaps/diversions for international cooperative research work for all modes of transport. To this end, in 2012 FEHRL arranged and held bilateral meetings in Ukraine, India

and Turkey and came up with recommendations on future cooperation with these countries.

FEHRL members VTI and BAST also led the work on Research Infrastructures (RIs) and their networking. This included building on the key findings in the DETRA project, developing a questionnaire and contacting important countries that had not been investigated so far in the project, synthesising and presenting the results of the main transport RIs and their networking that exist in the countries and regions examined (for example in the previously-mentioned bilateral meetings), as well as mapping some of the main data sources. The FEHRL team also led the work on developing models and tools for international cooperation in the field of RIs, including recommendations on information and data sharing issues.

### EUTRAIN FINAL CONFERENCE AND RI WORKSHOP

The final EUTRAIN Conference is due on 9th October 2013 in Brussels and will be followed the next day by a workshop on RIs, co-sponsored by the European Transport Research Alliance (ETRA) (see [www.etralliance.eu](http://www.etralliance.eu)). The RI workshop, entitled "*Towards a more efficient use of transport research infrastructures*," aims at promoting a common approach to handling the issues of transport RIs in Europe and beyond. These issues include knowledge sharing on existing RIs, formulating an overview of existing world-class RIs in Europe, identification of missing RIs to address needs, etc.

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