

ROADEX IV



Newsletter No1

ROADEX IV is moving on...

Dear ROADEX IV members!

We have not quite reached the extreme road conditions shown in the photograph above but we will all soon be experiencing spring thaw conditions that will create problems to movement around our areas.

With that in mind this first Newsletter will bring you up to date on how the ROADEX Implementation project is progressing and what is being planned over the next few months - the NPP claim process, ROADEX at seminars and the next meeting of the Steering Committee in Westport, Ireland, 6-7 May 2010

We will probably use the new website and extranet in the future for this kind of partner information together with the newsletters.

Best ROADEX regards!

The ROADEX crew

/Krister, Maria and Ron

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The new www.roadex.org

The work with the new ROADEX website is moving on. The schedule to launch the new website and design is set to end of March. We will send out information to you all when you can reach it on the web.

Parallel to the website Mika at Laboratoriouleaborg is preparing the new e-learning. The e-learning will be launched during 2010.

Welcome to Ireland

As you all know, the next Steering Committee meeting will be held in Westport, County of Mayo. The dates for the meeting are 6th – 7th May. On Saturday 8th May we plan to have a bus tour over various types of Irish roads in west Ireland. This promises to be an excellent outing and a unique opportunity to gain a perspective of Irish roads problems.

We need confirmation from all partners of who will be attending the meeting and your travel plans. Can you do this now, if you have not done so already? Send the confirmation to Eimear Kennedy at NRA who will be coordinating the SC-meeting. Remember to tell her how long you are staying, if you are bringing a extra person and if you have any special requests, such as allergies. The extra person must pay its own costs.

Send the information to ekennedy@nra.ie

Westport (Irish: Cathair na Mart), is a town in County Mayo, Ireland. It is situated on the west coast of Ireland, at the south-east corner of Clew Bay, an inlet of the Atlantic Ocean. Westport has a gracious town centre in the Georgian architectural style, as one of the few planned towns in the country (by James Wyatt in 1780).

The famous pilgrimage mountain of Croagh Patrick, known locally as "the Reek" lies some 10 km west of the town near the villages of Murrisk and Lecanvey. The mountain presents a striking backdrop to the town. The church on the summit can just be made out with the naked eye from Westport.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westport,_County_Mayo

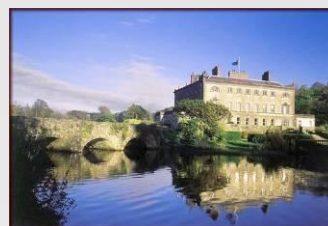
Travel Arrangements

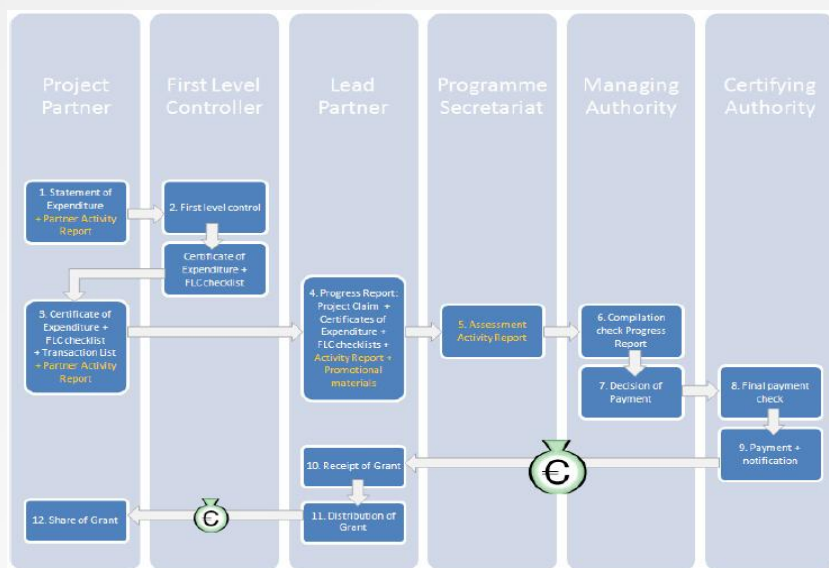
All participants need to be in Westport in the evening of Wednesday 5th May.

It looks like that the best option to travel to Westport is to fly to the "Ireland West Airport" at Knock. This airport has a number of direct links with English airports, as well as Dublin and Cork in Ireland, so it should be accessible to most travellers. The airport website is at http://www.irelandwestairport.com/flightinformation/route_map.aspx.

We will try to arrange a shuttle service from the Airport to the Hotel for those who choose this method.

It is also possible to take a train from Dublin Heuston railway station to Westport. The journey takes 3½ hours by Intercity train from Dublin. Trains leave Dublin Heuston Station at 7:30, 12:30, 15:30, 18:30. If you would like to do this you will need to take a bus or a taxi from Dublin Airport into Dublin city to Heuston railway station <http://www.irishrail.ie/home/>





Time schedule - claims

Reporting period 01.07.2009 – 31.03.2010

March 31st

The claim consists of project costs incurred during reporting period and all partners prepare their claim during 1 month

Latest April 30th

All partners send in their claims to 1st level control. Please send it in earlier if you can!

June 30th

1st level control send back a certificate to the partners + checklist

Latest Tuesday July 6th

All partners send the material received from FLC and a transaction list to Lead Partner as soon as possible!

August 1st

Last date for SRA (lead partner) to send in compiled reports and documentation to NPP!

1st NPP claim

We have put the following information to give you some guidance on the first claim to NPP! First of all we hope that you all have got in contact with your 1st level controllers (FLC). You should also ask your FLC what supporting documentation is required.

When you start to make the claim we want you first of all to read the NPP Programme manual – especially Part 2 and 4.

http://www.northernperiphery.eu/files/archive/Downloads/Programme_Manual/Programme_Manual_v7.pdf

Download the Statement of Expenditure that must be used. Please read the instructions in the last sheet carefully – they are good and they make the work with the claims easier.

http://www.northernperiphery.eu/files/archive/Downloads/Reporting_Pack/Main_Projects/Partner_Statement_of_Expenditure_v2.xls

Download the time sheets to be used. Remember that only those social costs legally required are eligible:

http://www.northernperiphery.eu/files/archive/Downloads/Reporting_Pack/Main_Projects/NPP_Timesheet_v2.xls

The activity report will be produced by the lead-partner and the consultant team. A draft of the activity report will be sent out to all other partners for comments.

Please respect the time schedule on the right side. Otherwise we will all have to work during the summer vacations. Please send documents to SRA as soon as possible! And remember to have all required documents in order and signed where needed.

The official project title is “ROADEX Network Implementing Accessibility” and the reference number is 304-6402-2009

Remember: No claims = no funding!

Conferences & meetings

ROADEX continues to promote the project and the NPP at conferences, seminars and meetings. Events so far, and in the future, are:

Participated in:

17-oct-09	ESME Conference, Athens
05-nov-09	Steering Committee meeting, Luleå
10-nov-09	LAVA09, Reykjavik
10-nov-09	CPDC Award lecture, Inverness
02-dec-09	Meeting Norwegian Partner
10-jan-10	89th TRB meeting, Washington
13-jan-10	Transportforum, Linköping
18-jan-10	ICERA, Reykjavik
08-feb-10	PIARC Winter Conference, Quebec
11-feb-10	Asset Management and Haulage Optimization seminar, Regina, Saskatchewan

Future events

11-mar-10	Timber Transport Forum, Perth
14-mar-10	HVTT11 symposium in Melbourne
24-mar-10	ARTEK meeting, Copenhagen
06-may-10	Steering Committee meeting, Westport
07-jun-10	TRA Conference, Brussels
23-jun-10	ROADEX Low Impact Vehicles, Stirling

Next Steps

You will know that a lot of good work has already been done to get the Demonstration and Research tasks up and running but more is required if we are to achieve our aims on time. The next steps for Partners are to identify the locations for demonstration projects and to be prepared to assist the task managers in executing them. The good news that can be reported at this time is:

- The D1 "Drainage Maintenance Guidelines" task is about to carry out its first drainage survey on the N59 in west Ireland. Seppo Tuisku of Roadscanners will be working alongside local Irish staff to bring the Lapland experience to Ireland
- Arrangements are progressing for the traction and pressure tests for D2 "Road friendly vehicles and Tyre Pressure Control" in Scotland and it is hoped that early results can be reported at the RADEX/FCE seminar in Stirling on 23 June.
- Svante Johansson, Per Christoffersson and Frank MacCulloch will meet in March to agree the detailed work to be done in D3 "Forest Road policies"
- Pauli Kolisoja is collecting test samples for tria-axial testing to improve the ROADEX design methodology in D4 "Rutting, from theory to practice"
- Haraldur Sigursteinsson has started his work for Task D4 "Roads on Peat" and is liaising with John McCarthy and Tom Casey to get the Irish experience
- Johan Granlund is preparing to carry out his vibration surveys for Task D6 "Vehicle Vibration and Driver Health" in the Partner areas this summer

You will all get information about the research projects, when we all meet in Westport

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LAVA09 Conference, Reykjavik



PIARC Winter Conference, Quebec



Reykjavik, January 2010