



Network of National ITS Associations Meeting

Date: 17 March 2014

Location: ERTICO Office, Brussels

Time: 10.30 -16.30

Participants

Jennie Martin, ITS (UK)

Martin Russ, ITS Austria

Jiri Landa, ITS Czech Republic

Jiri Lavic, ITS Czech Republic

Sampo Hietanen, ITS Finland

Benoît Augarde, ITS France

Marina Peppe, ITS Hellas

Yorgos Stephanedes, ITS Hellas (Dinner only)

Agnes Lindenbach, ITS Hungary

Marije de Vreeze, ITS Netherlands (Dinner only)

Norbert Handke, ITS Network Germany

Florin Nemtanu, ITS Romania

Miguel Borregón Nofuentes, ITS Spain

Roman Srp, ITS&S

Miroslav Svítek, ITS&S

Jose Viteri, MLC-ITS Euskadi

Pawel Stelmaszczyk, European Commission

ERTICO - ITS Europe

Hermann Meyer, ERTICO - ITS Europe

Anna Limbrey, Partnership Services Manager & ITS Network Coordinator

Apologies:

Svend Tøfting, ITS Denmark

David O'Keefe, ITS Ireland

Trond Hovland, ITS Norway

Rui Camolino, ITS Portugal

Robert Rijavec, S-ITS Slovenia

Christer Karlsson, ITS Sweden

Jerzy Mikulski, PSTT

Olga Landolfi, TTS Italia

All presentations can be found at the following link:

http://www.itsnetwork.org/en/members_only/network_meeting_information/brussels_-_17-18_march_2014.htm

Minutes of the meeting

1. Welcome from Network Chairman

Mrs Martin (Past Chairman) opened the meeting, welcoming participants to Brussels. She informed the meeting that the election for the Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship had now taken place and that Roman Srp of ITS&S is the new Chairman whilst Florin Nemtanu of ITS Romania is the new Vice Chairman. She added that she had been invited by the new Chairman to chair this meeting which she had accepted to do. She added that unfortunately Mr Karlsson of ITS Sweden would be unable to join the meeting due to an accident whilst travelling to Brussels.

Mr Meyer also welcomed all participants. He stated that Mr Stelmaszczyk from the EC would be joining the meeting and that Mrs Depré, also from the Commission would be attending the Public Authorities Platform meeting the following day to join the discussion on moving ITS forward in Europe.

The new Chairman thanked Network members for their trust in voting for him and commented that he would do his best to serve the Network. He also thanked the Past Chairman for all her dedicated hard work in her role as Chairman for the last four years.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting, 12 November 2013

There were no comments to the minutes and all action points had either been done or were on the agenda to be discussed. The minutes were approved.

3. Elections

The Past Chairman recorded her thanks to both Olga Landolfi and Norbert Handke for their commitment to the Network in standing for the election of Chairman. In addition, she thanked Mr Handke in his previous role as Vice Chairman for all he had done.

4. The Network of National ITS Associations from the ERTICO Perspective

Mr Meyer gave a presentation, commenting that the aim is to continue the debate on how to create a win-win situation for both the ITS National Associations and their members as well for ERTICO and its members. He firstly presented the ERTICO Partnership and the various ERTICO tools before focusing on the Enablers, giving a number of examples including projects - Compass4D and CO-GISTICS, the ERTICO Platform - eM3, Interoperability and HeERO Pilot Sites. He then focused on the relationship between the ITS National Associations and ERTICO and how they can use the Network as a tool to serve their members. He gave further examples of how ERTICO tools can be used to help ITS National Associations and areas where there has been less success such as EasyWay. He concluded by asking the question 'where is the ERTICO Partnership a tool for the Network of National ITS Associations?'

The Past Chairman commented that the Network should be closer to EasyWay and that she hoped to tackle this issue. In addition, she supported the work of the Platforms such as TN-ITS and encouraged Network members to get involved. It was suggested that there is currently a big shift in ITS and perhaps the Network should be looking at the bigger picture in terms of potential business. It would be useful to have figures relating to the size of the market - giving a measurement of deployment and how the market is evolving. The enablers were seen as very important and should be related to the national and EU level. In Austria, data is already being collected at the national level. In terms of standardisation and certification, this is also being done at the national level. In addition, it was put

forward that mobility should be seen as the business, rather than ITS in itself and mobility includes political issues as well as technical and business.

The Chairman suggested that in terms of the Network and ERTICO working together, it should be an evolutionary process involving activities at the regional level as well as ERTICO initiatives. He suggested that advocacy should be done by the ITS Nationals at the regional level, however there is a need for more funding. It was proposed that the Network should focus on a big issue; an example could be legalising automated driving by 2020. Funding should follow once the vision is in place. The past Chairman commented on the need to have specific proposals coming from both directions, ITS Nationals and ERTICO. The proposal was made to ask Network members for 2-3 specific activities on which they wish to work with ERTICO at the European level. The results could be discussed at the next meeting. In parallel, the Chairman suggested that the Network should work on small concrete activities, available to all members and with visible results, such as a small Horizon 2020 project.

Mr Meyer thanked participants for their encouraging feedback, commenting that cooperation should be organised in the most effective way and suggested starting the discussion with the members - asking them how ERTICO and the Network should cooperate adding value to them. Having a common view on the main topics is much stronger and provides a huge opportunity for all. It was suggested that a growing market is the ultimate wish of the members and that putting money into the market rather than projects can produce better business results as was the recent case in Finland, where the users were given limited amounts of money to buy certain types of mobility products, resulting in increased business activity.

5. Project opportunities in the context of CEF

Mr Stelmaszczyk explained that he had been given a new role in the context of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), to engage with Member States especially those in receipt of the cohesion fund. He gave a presentation on financing the European Mobility Network through CEF, firstly describing the key elements of the new TEN-T policy and maps and deadlines before outlining the standards for rail, roads and other modes. He then explained the various implementation tools including the Coordinators and Core Network Corridors, complemented by a comprehensive network. The new TEN-T policy and CEF were both formally adopted in December 2013 and the legal framework is now in place. They are in the process of preparing the Calls with the Innovations and Networks Executive Agency (INEA). Mr Stelmaszczyk then outlined how CEF will operate, providing funding for transport, energy and telecoms, with €26bn allocated to transport, 70% of which will go to rail, 10% to roads and 20% to horizontal activities such as ITS. He outlined co-funding rates, eligibility for funding and CEF priorities before looking at the different work programmes and their potential levels of funding. He then explained the correlation between CEF and European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) before outlining how the projects will be selected and the funding managed. He concluded by describing the CEF Programme Support Actions. The first call will be open in September/October with a deadline of the end of February and a probable decision time of 8-9 months. Mr Stelmaszczyk added that that the framework is a good starting point and should hopefully mobilise funding from other sources. A question was raised as to the link between the project pipeline and national strategies. Mr Stelmaszczyk responded that in previous years there were no coherent transport strategies - now it is required that projects should be part of a national transport strategy to receive funding. It was suggested that this would work for infrastructure investment but would be more difficult for innovation and ITS projects. It was also suggested that services should be looked at before infrastructure. Mr Stelmaszczyk commented that interconnected services can be funded out of regional funds. He

suggested that ITS Nationals could get in touch with the dedicated unit running CEF and informed the meeting that they would be touring Member State capitals to promote CEF. In addition, there may be a dedicated special session in Helsinki. Mr Meyer commented on the challenge to influence CEF as it has already been designed. The Chairman added that this level of influence is beyond current Network capabilities. In the Czech Republic, they have been developing a transport strategy and have established a pool of large projects including Telematics which are then being linked with funding via operational programmes. Mr Stelmaszczyk stated that the drafting process is complex and that it is not as clear-cut as funding for infrastructure. He added that the cohesion Member States have less experience in applying for such funds and he suggested that proposals should be simple. In addition, first proposals can be submitted in the original language which will then be translated.

6. Preparations for discussions on:

- a. Projects**
- b. Procurement**
- c. Data access**
- d. European Wide Service Platforms**

Mr Russ, Chairman of the Public Authorities Platform outlined the public authorities' perspective, commenting that these issues are only just beginning to be discussed and that coordination and cooperation is still weak. He added that combining the ITS Network meeting and the Public Authorities Platform meeting is a good idea and that it is important to discuss the role of the public authorities in relation to the ITS Nationals, to find out what is needed to be most effective at the national and EU levels and to build a bridge between the two. The Chairman commented that ITS Nationals are not only made up of industry members, but also have public authorities within their membership. He suggested following up with some simple analysis - what is happening with respect to different topics as a community - it should be possible to find some common themes. It was pointed out that ITS is covered by different departments at the regional level which complicates the issue. It is often easier at city level and it was suggested that ITS Nationals could play a larger role. Mr Meyer commented that ERTICO is also public/private, though the EC tend to regard ERTICO as industry led. In most cases, public authorities are ERTICO members to learn about the industry view of ITS and the main challenge is to establish a common view on ITS reality. The Chairman agreed, adding that it requires sophisticated thinking and work in addition to funding. He suggested developing a concept paper which could form the basis of a project proposal which could be prepared by the coordination committee. Mr Meyer pointed out that if businesses see an opportunity they will fund it. He cited the ERTICO Platforms as an example of stakeholders coming together to work on a specific topic and that they are self-financing. There will be topics where ITS Nationals can help. The advantage of working in a Platform is that the members of the Platform are in control unlike in an EU project where the EC is in control. Mr Russ agreed and suggested that the Network should work together on a proposal which provides added value to all the members and provides input to the public authorities. One suggestion put forward was to tackle obstacles to ITS deployment such as operational problems encountered by public authorities. Mr Meyer concluded that all Network members should be asked to submit what is of highest importance to them. The Coordination committee can investigate the results and prioritise on 2-3 topics.

7. Update from Projects Champion

Mr Handke gave an update on existing projects including HeERO and SATIE. He reported that the goals of SATIE had changed and that a workshop had been held in Helmond and another one will be organised in Germany in May/June. In the future, SATIE is likely to become a platform of test-beds. He also reported on possible future projects including the ITS Observatory, commenting that account should be taken of existing observatories, such as the Italian Observatory. He then explained that ITS Nationals could invite ERTICO members to join their project consortia as well as vice versa. He also emphasised the need for information from those Network members that want to do more project work. This information can then be put up on the Network website as a resource for the benefit of those that want it. The Past Chairman added that the Network can also be used to disseminate project results.

8. ITS Congress Helsinki - status update from Congress Champion and ITS Finland

Mr Hietanen gave an update on preparations for the ITS Congress in Helsinki, firstly outlining the overall schedule and then focusing on the Ministerial Round Table including the Ministerial Statement, requesting the ITS Nationals to encourage their Ministers to attend. He then briefly presented the opening ceremony and the themes of the various sessions. He explained the concept behind the Commercial Theatre and the App Competition, requesting support from the ITS Nationals in promoting it as well as providing sources of data. He presented the Technical tours and demonstrations in addition to thematic days for both investors and transport network operators before outlining the many ancillary meetings and the exhibition which is more or less sold out now. He concluded by explaining how participation of young people can be increased with the support of ITS Nationals and public authorities.

9. Other updates from Congress Champion

In the absence of the Congress Champion, Mr Meyer commented that preparations for the World Congress in Detroit are going well and that there will be a European Pavilion in the Exhibition area.

Mr Augarde gave a brief update on preparations for the World Congress to be held in Bordeaux in 2015, stating that a number of meetings had been held recently to discuss the programme. The floor plan for the exhibition should be available in April whilst the demonstration programme should be public by the end of June. Mr Meyer added that the Ministerial Round Table will be similar to that of Vienna and there should be a link between the two. He requested that ITS Nationals check with their Ministries as to whether they plan to attend or not. If they are hesitant, it is important to know what would encourage them to attend. The Chairman suggested that it would be useful to have a list of confirmed Ministers which could encourage others to attend.

10. Report from the Coordination Committee

The Past Chairman explained that the Coordination Committee is a managing and advisory body which makes recommendations and proposals to the Network as a whole. The executive power rests with the Network Plenary, not with the CC. The CC meets twice a year, in addition to the two Network plenary meetings. Following the recent election there is now a vacancy on the Coordination Committee. She welcomed any volunteers for the post, stating that if there was more than one candidate, an election would be held. She suggested that anyone interested should inform the Chairman or Coordinator in the next 2-3 weeks. She also stated that her role is now that of immediate Past Chairman, however she would also like to take on the role of Promotion and Awareness Champion. This was approved.

11. Network activities

a. Surveys and evaluation activities

The Past Chairman stated that a number of suggestions had been put forward about various potential surveys and evaluation activities and that these would likely be encompassed by the ITS Observatory. In addition the Vice Chairman and the Past Chairman have been collecting information on working with the ITS Directive at the organisations level and if anyone is interested in contributing to this work, they should contact her.

b. MoU Best Practice

The work on MoUs Best Practice has now been finalised and can be found on the Network website.

12. Young People and ITS

This topic was not discussed.

13. Membership Status Report

a. ITS Netherlands

Ms de Vreeze from ITS Netherlands briefly presented their current activities during the Network dinner. The request for approval to join the Network of National ITS Associations was granted. It was agreed that the formal presentation would be circulated to the Network.

Mr Handke informed the meeting that ITS Deutschland is in the process of being established and that an update would be given at the next meeting.

14. Proposal for the next meeting of the Network

Mr Augarde kindly offered to host the next meeting in Bordeaux early in November. It was agreed that the Coordinator would confirm the date.

15. Any Other Business and Closing

The Chairman thanked all Network members who voted in addition to the other candidates for their commitment. He stated that in the next two years, he would like to achieve a partnership with political influence and funding which will be appreciated by both ITS National members and their governments. He added that the Network is already an excellent community and he would like to further promote international cooperation, however increasing activities requires more funds and he proposed that the Network be more self confident at the European level and more self-minded. He encouraged any Network members who would like to be more active. He concluded by thanking the Past Chairman, commenting on her new function and looking forward to future cooperation.

The Vice Chairman emphasised the importance of being part of a Network rather than the position held within it.

The Past Chairman stated that she was proud to have served the Network for the last 4 years to which Mr Meyer responded that when she took over as Chairman, the Network had been in a difficult situation. He commented on her selflessness in that all her work had been done in the interest of the Network and that it had been a very positive and constructive relationship.

Action Points

ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DATE
1. Request to members regarding specific activities where they want to work together with ERTICO	Roman Srp/ERTICO	Before next meeting
2. Request to members as to what is of highest importance to them in terms of topic	CC	Before next meeting
3. Circulate list of confirmed Ministers to Ministerial Round Table in Helsinki	DG	ASAP
4. Email to the Network re CC vacancy	RS/AL	DONE
5. Circulate ITS NL Presentation	AL	DONE
6. Confirm date of next meeting	AL	DONE