

PRESS RELEASE

March 2011

The TransNEW Consortium has planned for 2011 a series of workshops in different regions of Europe to inform potential users about research capabilities and good practices in the transport sector and to create new opportunities for all users.

The TransNEW Research Capabilities, Potentials and Opportunities Workshops were launched in 2010 by a consortium of 16 partners within the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development supported by an EU budget. They will be open to 26 countries among new members of the European Union, candidate and associate countries of the EU. Their aim is to help define good practices in transport research and create a single catalogue of criteria for putting them into practice. The end result will be the identification of local, national and regional strengths and weaknesses in transport research. There will be two kinds of workshops in 2011:

1) **Research Capabilities and Potentials Workshops** with the following timetable:

REGION	LOCATION	MONTH
Baltic States	VILNIUS - Lithuania	22 June 2011
Central Europe	PRAGUE-Czech Republic	May 2011
West Balkans	BELGRADE - Serbia	27 May 2011
South Balkan and Mediterranean	ISTANBUL - Turkey	03 June 2011

These workshops will become a useful forum for exchanging ideas and sharing information with EC officials and experienced partners but above all for learning how to work together to prepare joint proposals. This will prove to be particularly important for new member states and candidate countries that may have difficulties in grasping the intricacies of participating in Europe-wide projects.

2) **Research Opportunities Workshops** with the following timetable:

REGION	LOCATION	MONTH
Baltic States	RIGA - Latvia	September 2011
West Balkans	LJUBLJANA - Slovenia	30 September 2011
Central Europe	BUDAPEST - Hungary	06 October 2011
South Balkan and the Mediterranean	BUCHAREST - Romania	21 September 2011

The object of these workshops will be the creation of a database of prospective partners for local, national or regional projects which, it is hoped, will continue to grow after the end of the TransNEW project. Members of the consortium at present are universities and research companies and public bodies dealing with transport issues. The participation of small and medium

enterprises is particularly encouraged since the project will offer them the advantage of creating a “one stop shop” thus facilitating enormously their activities. The countries covered by the project are:

Baltic States: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

Central Europe: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia

Western Balkans: Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia

Southern Balkans and Mediterranean area: Albania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Romania, Malta, Moldova, Turkey

Associate Countries: Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland

For more information please contact www.transnew.eu or email info@transnew.eu