The Project

FORESIGHT for TRANSPORT will:

1. Set up and run a strategic dialogue with the participation of experts from different disciplines as well as representatives of business and industry, policy-makers and interest organisations that prepares guidelines to analyse the influence of non-transport policies on mobility overtime.

2. Use these guidelines to determine the degree of impact of these policies and associated trends on mobility.

3. Develop a procedure for monitoring such developments in the future.

FORESIGHT for TRANSPORT represents the first attempt to

* Establish a foresight exercise tailored to the needs of the European Transport Policy.

* Establish a procedure that assists in the cross-sectoral policy integration and co-ordination and, more specifically, the integration of non-transport concerns in transport policies and vice-versa.

The FORESIGHT for TRANSPORT project will help prepare the European Transport Policy for the future and, in that, will contribute to the preparation of decisions that are demand-oriented, economically and ecologically reasonable and socially acceptable, as well as consistent with other sectoral policies.

Duration

The FORESIGHT for TRANSPORT Project started in November 2001 and will run till the end of 2003.
The Method

At the core of our approach is the organisation of a strategic dialogue in the form of a foresight exercise as already in practice in various countries. This comprises the setting up of Expert Panels on various themes to develop guidelines and/or targets in the form of Consultation Documents. These will then be submitted to a wider consultation procedure involving national experts and policy-makers and the public (through the Internet).

We anticipate the organisation of five Expert Panels, namely:

* Expert Panel on EU Enlargement
* Expert Panel on the use of IST Technologies in internal and international trade and commerce;
* Expert Panel on Energy and the Environment;
* Expert Panel on Modern Governance;
* Expert Panel on the better integration of the time dimension in policy analysis.

Once revised and approved, these guidelines will be used to establish the degree of impact of non-transport policies and societal trends on mobility and transport.

The results of the assessment will be written up in a second major round of consultation reports and submitted to the expert panels for comments and feedback. The final versions will then be made available for public use and information.

On the basis of the assessment results and the experiences made with the strategic dialogue approach, we will develop a procedure for continuing to monitor developments in the fields under study.

The first Strategic Dialogue Round is scheduled to take place at Semmering, Austria, in the week 3-7 June 2002. The first results of the project will become available in the Fall of 2002.

Further information can be found on the FORESIGHT Homepage:

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