Dear ERTRAC members,

In June 2013 the transport led joint task force of ERTRAC, ERRAC, Waterborne, ACARE and ECTP have delivered the 'roadmap for cross-modal transport infrastructure innovation'. The roadmap has been endorsed by all 5 Platforms involved in the working group.

Following on the agreement between the DG MOVE, DG RTD and the ETPs, the Joint Task Force started work on this roadmap in Summer 2012. For ERTRAC, Professor La Torre of the University of Florence and Mr. Dionelis of ASECAP were in the task force. Through FEHRL, ERTRAC also provided the chair of the task force.

The roadmap has been built from the foundations for the existing infrastructure-related material of each of the Platforms involved, focusing on the transport infrastructure research and innovation issues that span more than one mode. As such, this roadmap is solely intended as a supplement to the mode-specific agendas, strategies and roadmaps of the ETPs involved and not as a replacement.

The contents were consolidated through a thorough expert consultation process. The three major events in this process were the two cross-ETP workshops on 28 September 2012 and 28 February 2013 and the European Commission managed event on 22 March 2013.

On various occasions and settings, the (draft) contents of this roadmap have been communicated to the European Commission Services to support the swift development of the Horizon 2020 programme.

The Task Force considers that with this roadmap, the emphasis of achieving innovation in transport infrastructure should shift from the 'what' to the 'how'; to bring research to deployment. The key to success will be the forging of long term cooperation between the partners from policy, industry and research as well as supporting their efforts through a well-conceived and managed portfolio of instruments.

With the delivery of this roadmap, the Joint Task Force has successfully completed its objective. On 8 July, this final roadmap has been communicated to:

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