

Minutes of the First Users Group Meeting
3 April, 2000
Brussels

Present:

Consortium:

Andrea Ricci (AR)	ISIS
Carlo Sessa (CS)	ISIS
Tina Fera (TF)	ISIS
Stephan Schmid (SS)	IER Stuttgart
Rainer Friedrich (RF)	IER Stuttgart
Sigurd Weinreich (SW)	ZEW
Georg Buehler (GB)	ZEW
Lanfranco Senn (LS)	Gruppo CLAS
Roberto Zucchetti (RZ)	Gruppo CLAS
Oliviero Baccelli (OB)	Gruppo CLAS
Carlo Vaghi (CV)	Gruppo CLAS
Michael Henriques (MH)	TETRAPLAN
Ian Black (IB)	Cranfield University
Roger Seaton (RS)	Cranfield University
Michel Savy (MS)	LATTS, ENPC
Markus Pelz (MP)	LATTS, ENPC
Nienke Maas (NM)	TNO
Yannis Golias (YG)	NTUA
Yannis Handanos (YH)	NTUA

Subcontractors:

Akos Radoczy (ARa)	RT-TRANS BT
Kubasek Miroslav (KM)	CDV

Users Group:

Maria Godde (MG)	DUSS (Terminal Operator and consulting company)
Maurice Howard (MH)	CER (Community of European Railways)
Bernard Josselin (BJ)	COMBI-CONCEPT (Integrator)

1. RECORDIT Website Demo

YH provides a brief demonstration of the RECORDIT website.

2. Welcome and introduction of the participants

An introduction of the USERS Members follows.

3. Work Programme

3.1 Review of the project workplan

AR provides a review of the first two workpackages and gives details about the project scope and the Users' role:

1. The European Commission is the main user of results of RECORDIT (accompanying measure).
2. The project needs the users' contribution for
 - Methodology validation and sensitivity testing of parameters contributing to cost and price formation
 - Gathering of requested data
 - Advice for policy recommendations for reduction of intermodal transport costs
3. The Users Group Members will have privileged access to the RECORDIT website and will be the first beneficiaries of the RECORDIT results, including the RECORDIT DSS (D7).

Reactions:

BJ agrees on validating the RECORDIT methodology, but points out difficulty in gathering detailed data on railway costs (e.g. the traffic flow at a terminal) and on equipment costs.

AR replies that RECORDIT does not aim at comprehensive statistical survey, but at sample data on three specific corridors. The data we will gather is not meant to allow for a reconstruction of the market

MG agrees on the difficulties of the task but confirms her intention to provide the data needed.

MH confirms his interest and believes that, in most cases, it should be possible to get hold of the relevant data.

4. Brief presentation on corridors selection

LS presents an analysis of cost formation in the selected corridors and nodes (hand-out)

5. Brief presentation of WP1

5.1 Task 1.1

SW presents task 1.1: State of the art. Modern Cost benefit analysis (hand-out)

5.2 Task 1.2

GB presents task 1.2: Classification of Intermodal chains and assessment of the corresponding cost structure (hand-out)

Tables on cost items and their categorisation are circulated and an intense debate develops ending up in a consensus on a bottom-up approach.