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Transfer of knowledge and experience: professionalism and solidarity

Mobility is an important and still growing need of our society of today. The transport system should accommodate this need. To this effect it is necessary for Europe to have a modern, well functioning infrastructure for all modes of transport. This will allow the EU to remain or even increase its competitiveness and, by doing so, its growth and employment.

Investments in the priority TEN projects and in major European transport axes to the neighbouring countries are part of this policy. EU Member States and neighbouring countries are growing together and more and more face the same challenges and share the same problems in the field of road infrastructure.

Learning how to implement major investment projects and how to manage the road network can help (national) road administrations to become more efficient and more effective and increase their level of performance. This learning cannot be achieved only from textbooks and the internet: the best way is learning by doing. By sharing knowledge and experiences with professionals from other countries, road administrations may learn more quickly and may avoid the pitfalls their colleagues have stepped into.

The Dutch initiative for cooperation, known as Partners for Roads, has been started by professional experts from Rijkswaterstaat to share knowledge and experiences with the countries that are nowadays the New Member States of the EU. For further dissemination of the information, these countries on their turn could assist the new neighbours of the EU. This calls not only for professionalism, but also for solidarity.

With a view to reaping all the benefits of the EU transport policy the modus operandi used by Partners for Roads can serve as an example to other road administrations..

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