

Project Proposal - FiSH (Freight Information Super Highway)

The FiSH project aims to create safer, more efficient & environmentally friendly ICT based freight transport solutions.



FiSH will create localised freight information for haulers and freight operators which will graphically describe preferential routes, traffic obstacles such as narrow roads, difficult turns, weight restrictions or height restrictions, parking/waiting areas, delivery locations. It is anticipated the FiSH project will have 4 phases moving from background research to implementation within partner areas to creation of a European freight information network with possible outputs including internet and mobile GPS/in vehicle navigation systems.

The outcomes of the project will allow local transport/civic authorities to better manage freight movements within their boundaries by providing freight operations with vital information to avoid key areas or select better routes. This will reduce conflicts/accidents, improve efficiency and costs whilst reducing the environmental impact of freight operations.

Project Scope : The project is proposed to run for 2 - 3 years under the 6th Challenge (Environment, Energy & Transport) of 7th Framework ICT research programme.

The Partnership : Lancashire County Council, UK, intends to act as lead partner in this project. Lancashire is renowned for its forward thinking and excellent track record in Europe.

Partner search : The partnership is actively seeking new members who can contribute to the project. We are looking for **authorities or cities** that are able to provide local traffic data and would like to pioneer the establishment of a European network. In addition **technology providers** (in vehicle navigation) are sought. Please contact us if you are interested.

Budget : Expected budget will be approximately 1½ M€, based on 4-5 project partners.

Timings

1. This is the first 7th Framework call for proposals
2. The provisional deadline for receipt of proposals will be beginning of May 2007.
3. Partner search will take place during February.
4. Preparation of partnership and proposal for submission will take place during March.
5. Consultation with EU sources in April.
6. Submission of partnership proposal by late April.

Next Steps

We hope this brief paper provides you with sufficient information at this stage.

We are sure you will have your own ideas. If you do and are interested in this proposal, please contact us before than 14th February 2007. Alternatively, if you plan to attend the IST 7th Framework Information Day in Cologne on 1st February, we could meet and discuss the proposal.

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