

## Opportunities to contribute

If you are interested in presenting a position paper at one of the seminars then please forward an abstract - of 350 words or less - to the project co-ordinator. Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit a full paper for peer-review prior to the relevant seminar, attend the seminar to present their paper and then have it published in one of the project reports.

Contributions from transport policy makers and those who influence them, to the seminars and throughout the duration of the project, is seen as vital in developing valid and useful recommendations on how to implement transport pricing reform. An Expert Group is being formed, comprising national representatives nominated by the member states and other policy-makers, operators and professionals.

## For More Information

The WebSite address is:

[www.imprint-eu.org](http://www.imprint-eu.org)

Here you will find further information about the project, invitations to submit papers, project reports, comprehensive links to other relevant sites and to the project partners. A discussion forum will also be developed to allow a wide variety of interested parties to participate in the debate about the project's findings and achievements. If you would like to receive regular progress reports and be involved in the debate please access the website and register your interest.

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## IMPRINT-EUROPE



Implementing Pricing Reform in Transport -  
Effective Use of Research on Pricing in Europe

A Fifth Framework Thematic Network project for  
the European Commission (2001-2004)

This project aims to

- bring together policy-makers, operators, researchers and other stakeholders in order to promote the implementation of fair and efficient transport prices.
- organise five high profile, international seminars where the needs of policy-makers and the findings of research will be synthesised and debated.
- produce high quality reports summarising research and putting forward recommendations on how to implement the required pricing reforms.

## The Seminars

A series of five international seminars is being organised, including a set of workshops where issues specific to particular modes will be explored. The seminars will have pre-written peer-reviewed position papers and a clear yet flexible agenda, with time set aside for discussion and debate.

Key topics to be addressed are:

- acceptability of pricing reform in transport;
- best practice;
- constraints and solutions; and
- phasing and packaging.

The five international seminars will each span two days and take place in or near Brussels. The launch seminar is scheduled for 24-25 October 2001 and will cover:

- recent policy developments;
- acceptability issues;
- relationships with other transport and land-use policy instruments; and
- barriers to implementation.

The dates and coverage of subsequent seminars will be advertised through the project website and other media.

The implementation of fair and efficient prices will encourage changes in transport behaviour in order to exploit the least-cost form of transport, technological innovation in vehicle and engine production and improvements in operational and managerial efficiency including better inter-modal solutions. Therefore, by providing a forum for debating the key issues in implementing pricing reforms and by facilitating the dissemination and exploitation of research findings, the project will directly support the development of sustainable, economically efficient and safe transport systems.

## Outputs

Reports of each of the five seminars will be produced, summarising the seminar proceedings, highlighting the key recommendations to emerge and incorporating the papers presented. These five reports will be made publicly available through the project website, the contact list and on request from the project co-ordinator.

Other key outputs will include: a contact network and website for people and organisations interested in transport pricing policy; and a final set of recommendations for implementing pricing reform in transport.

## The Consortium

The consortium comprises  
ITS - Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds (UK)  
ISIS - Istituto di Studi per l'Integrazione dei Sistemi (Italy)  
FAV Berlin - Forschungs- und Anwendungsverbund Verkehrssystemtechnik (Germany)  
TNO Inro - Nederlandse Organisatie voor Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek (Netherlands)  
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