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Part 1 – The role of the public sector



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Nikolaj Anatolevich Asaul was born on 21 April 1977 in Leningrad. He studied at the St.-Petersburg state engineering-economic academy at the faculty of industrial management. Since 2004 he worked at the state civil service of St.-Petersburg. In July 2007 he was appointed chairman of the Committee on transport and transit policy. In 2010 he was appointed deputy minister of transport of Russia.



Fotis Karamitsos
Director within the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) of the European Commission

His Directorate is responsible for the development and follow-up of the implementation of Maritime transport policy, maritime safety, environmental protection, as well as logistics, land transport and passenger rights. Mr Karamitsos is also acting Director for Innovative & sustainable mobility. Recently he has also been responsible for the setting up the European Satellite Navigation System GALILEO as regards policy, infrastructure and applications, and for setting the Regulatory framework for the Intelligent Transport Systems. He is with the European Commission for over 30 years. Before joining the Commission he worked with the World Health Organisation's programme on Greater Athens Pollution Control and on the Greek Academic and Public Sectors. He holds degrees in Civil Engineering and Transportation planning from the Technical University of Athens and from Leeds University.



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Part 2 – ITS and sustainable mobility – thinking of Rio+20



Michael Harting

Director-General, Federal Ministry of Transport,
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Studied law at the Universities of Bonn and Lausanne. For 20 years he worked at the Federal Chancellery of Germany. Since 1995 he is working at the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development and became Director-General for Land Transport in 2009.



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He holds a Master of Engineering from the University of Kyoto. He is working for the ministry of transport for 30 years in various positions and is Director of the Engineering Policy Division at the Road Transport Bureau of the MLIT since 2011.

Part 3 – Road Safety and ITS – one person killed is already too much



Antonio Erario
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Research Doctorate and Transport Engineering Degree. National expert detached at the European Commission, DG ENTR (1997); International officer of UNECE, Transport Division, Geneva (1997-2000); Head of Division on International Regulatory Affairs of the Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport; responsible for EU and UN/ECE legislative actions and policies on vehicles and road safety. Chairman of the General Safety Working Group – WP.29/GRSG of UNECE (Geneva); Member of the EC, ITS Committee.



Vladimir Kryuchkov
CEO, ITS Russia



Graduated Lomonosov Moscow State University and Institute of Strategic Management in Atlanta (USA). He was elected Member of Parliament of Russia in 1990-1993 and worked professionally in the Supreme Soviet of Russian Federation, occupied positions in Russian Finance Corporation, commercial banks, companies Royal Dutch Shell, Ford Motor Company and Ingosstrakh Insurance Company. He became the initiator of the creation of Professional Association In Vehicle Risk Prevention (PAIRP) and Non-commercial Partnership «ITS – Russia». Since 2010 he leads «ITS – Russia» as its Chief Executive Officer.

Part 4 – ITS for regional integration and leapfrogging development



Nico Anten
Managing Director, Connekt/ITS Netherlands



As a child, I dreamed of being an engine driver and later even becoming an aircraft pilot. Simultaneously, and ever since my childhood have I felt a strong connection with nature and its preservation. To link mobility/logistics with sustainability has thus been the leitmotif throughout my life. As the father of a four-member family, I take up the aim of realizing smart and sustainable mobility. I believe that if government and businesses work together on mobility and logistics, we are able to increase our welfare and improve our wellbeing.

Nico works for Connekt/ITS Netherlands since 1999, where he is the Managing Director since 2004. He is also member or chairman (current and past positions) of diverse national and international steering committees, such as:

- Chairman International network ITS Nationals made up of 27 countries (Brussels)
- Advisory Boards COFRET (Berlin)
- Member of tenderboard Kilometerheffing city of Amsterdam and Utrecht
- Member Advisory Council Social Innovation Agenda Mobility
- Board member Carbon Light Mobility Foundation



Dr. Paul Vorster
CEO, ITS South Africa



He works for and is member of ITS South Africa (Part-time CEO and Member of Exco), Institute of Directors of South Africa, International Benefits, Evaluation and Cost (IBEC) Working Group (IBEC_ITS), Vice President and the IRF ITS Policy Committee. He is a motivated and energetic professional who combines communication and marketing with transport and ITS, who provides strategic advice and targeted solutions, based on specialist knowledge and experience in the communication, automotive and transport industries. He holds a Master in Communication and PhD.

Part 5 - ITS for a better society



François Janin

Chef de la mission “transport intelligents, Ministère de l’Écologie, du Développement Durable, des Transports et du Logement (MEEDDTL), France



Jean-François JANIN is graduate of ParisTech (Ecole Polytechnique in 1972, ENPC in 1974) and of the Institute for Political Sciences of Paris in 1974. He worked for the French Ministries for Environment, Industry and Transport in Paris and Clermont-Ferrand. He was also General Manager of the Chamber of Commerce of Lille for 10 years. As ITS task force manager since 2002, in French Ministry of transport (General Directorate for Infrastructures, Transport and Sea (DGITM) and Interministerial Delegation for Road Safety), he took a major role in the implementation of several ITS systems: smart cards in public transport, digital tachograph (with responsibilities both at national and European level), automatic speed limits enforcement, national ITS architecture, multimodal travel information, tracking and tracing of dangerous goods... He teaches ITS in ParisTech – ENPC, University Paris II, and ECE. He represents the French Ministry of Transport in ERTICO and is involved in several cooperation agreements (America, Japan and China)



Richard Harris

International Director, ITS United Kingdom



Richard is internationally recognized as a leading expert in ITS. His experience spans more than 30 years and includes major European Commission research and development, policy support, implementation and outreach and promotion projects. He is a member of the ERTICO Strategy Committee and the ITS World Congress Board of Directors and International Programme Committee. Richard is also the International Director of ITS UK and represents the UK in the World Road Association Technical Committee on Network Operations. He is a founder member and Vice President of the International Benefits Evaluations and Costs (of ITS) group. In March 2010 he was awarded the prestigious ITS UK Rees Hill Award for outstanding contribution to ITS by a UK professional. Richard is a Solution Director with Xerox and is member of the small senior management and strategy team.



Vincent Blervaque
Director, ERTICO – ITS Europe



Graduated in Computer Engineering at the University of Compiègne (France) in 1990, he has an experience of 5 years in software development and 16 years in project management and executive management, especially in the field of R&D and implementation of new technologies (simulation, ITS). He joined ERTICO in 2001 as Project and Development Manager. Since 2004 he has been coordinating digital map related activities including SpeedAlert, the ADASIS Forum and the MAPS&ADAS subproject within PReVENT Integrated Project (EC DG INFSO).

In 2007 he became Head of Deployment Department supervising eSafety activities, TMC Forum / TISA and International Cooperation and developing Field Operational Test activities. Since April 2008 he has been Director of Development and Deployment of ERTICO – ITS Europe. He is also Member of the International/European Programme Committee of the ITS World Congress. He has been the Chairman of the European Programme Committee for Lyon 2011 ITS Europe Congress and he is the Chairman of the International Programme Committee for Vienna 2012 ITS World Congress.