Smart Transportation Alliance

An expert community's view on Smart Transportation Infrastructures of the Future: Review of results of perceptions' survey

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- Between March and October 2018 four on-line surveys were carried out to investigate the experts' perceptions on the topics of the STA Technical Committees
- TC1on Smart Mobility, chaired by Dr Elena de la Peña
- TC2 on 'Smart Safety and Security', chaired by Mr Wolf P. Zeplin
- TC3 on 'Smart Sustainability' chaired by Mr César Bartolomé
- TC4 on 'Smart Financing' chaired by Prof. José Manuel Vassallo
- The results collected will be summarised in a report



TC1 – Smart Mobility

- Respondents: 107
- Topics:
- Infrastructure characteristics;
- The transition from 'bricks' infrastructures to Smart infrastructures;
- Infrastructure adaptation to connected/automated cars;
- Legal, financial and budgetary systems suitability

How relevant are the following characteristics for an infrastructure to be Smart?

Infrastructure characteristics

High-quality service and **improvement of mobility** are key features for considering an infrastructure 'smart'



Infrastructure transition

68 % of the participants consider that there had been **no or minor advances** in the creation of Smart Infrastructures The transition from 'bricks' infrastructures to Smart infrastructures, that should include key aspects such as remote sensing, advanced analytics, automated operations, crowdsourcing and integrated scheduling and control is:



Infrastructure adaptation to connected cars

61% of the respondents consider that that such adaptation is **not so advanced**. In order to cope with connected cars, today the degree of adaptation of road infrastructures is:



Infrastructure adaptation to automated cars

61% of the respondents consider that that such adaptation is **not so advanced**. In order to cope with automated cars, today the degree of adaptation of road infrastructures is:



How adapted is the legal system to accommodate the deployment of Smart Infrastructures?

Legal systems 79% of the respondents consider the current legal system not at all or slightly adapted to accommodate the deployment of Smart Infrastructures





TC2 – Smart Safety and Security

- Respondents: 69
- Topics:
- Perception of infrastructures'safety and security for the different transport modes;
- Actions to increase safety and security;
- Actions to reduce road mortality and injury rates;
- R&D activities

How safe are transport infrastructures today?

Infrastructures' perceived safety

Airports are perceived as safe or very safe by 95% of the respondents. **Railways and ports** follow with respectively 92% and 86% of respondents. However, 55% of them declare road infrastructures as not very safe



How secure are transport infrastructures today?

Infrastructures' perceived security

Airports are perceived secure or very secure by 89% of the respondents. **Railways and ports** follow with respectively 71% and 73% of respondents. 52% of them declare roads as not very secure



Actions to improve safety

Safer design of infrastructure is considered to be the action that has the most potential. This is followed by the modernisation of existing infrastructures, and their maintenance

Which actions have more potential to reduce transportation mortality and injury rates?



Which actions have more potential to increase security?

Actions to improve security

Respondents have indicated infrastructure-based systems (e.g sensors)

as the most effective. This is followed by **adequate resilience planning**, **cybersecurity** and, lastly, police enforcement measures.



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Should infrastructure R&D mainly address:

R&D activities While 80% of the participants believe that infrastructure **R&D** should address both safety and security issues, the former is still perceived relatively more important (18%) compared to the latter (3%).





TC3 – Smart Sustainability

- Respondents: 84
- Topics:
- Sustainability of the different transport modes
- Most relevant transport and infrastructures' variables affecting sustainability
- Most relevant infrastructures' elements in relation to sustainability
- Sustainability in urban mobility

Sustainability of the different transport modes

Roads and planes are perceived as the **less sustainable**,

with a 50% of respondents considering roads not or only slightly sustainable, and even a higher 57% for planes. Railways are perceived as the most sustainable mode with a 56% voting as fairly or very sustainable.

In your opinion, how sustainable are the different modes of transport?



Transport sustainability variables

The most relevant variables are **vehicles** (57%) and **fuels** (51%). When talking about transport sustainability, how relevant are the following variables?



Infrastructure sustainability variables Durability is the most relevant

most relevant variable with (47% of respondents) followed by **impacts during operation** (45%)

How relevant are the following variables for an infrastructure to be sustainable?



Infrastructure sustainability elements

One third of respondents consider that **structures** are the most relevant element, although pavements/platforms are strategical as well

How relevant are the following elements for an infrastructure to be sustainable?



Indicate the role of these elements in the sustainability of urban mobility

Urban mobility sustainability Public Transport (63%) and Users Behaviour (46%) are regarded as the most relevant elements.





TC4 – Smart Financing

- Respondents: 111
- Topics:
- Cost effectiveness and users' awareness about cost
- Infrastructure financing in the different project phases
- Private participation in financing
- Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) critical aspects

Infrastructure costeffectiveness

Over half of the respondents (65%) believe that the European infrastructures and transport services are **not cost-effective**



Are European infrastructures and transport

How aware are users about the real cost of transport services and infrastructure facilities?

Users'awareness 55% of the respondents declared the **users** are unaware of the real cost of transport services and infrastructures, while 45% said that the users are aware or partial aware



Infrastructure financing

Financing is particularly challening in the **maintenance** phase, followed by

construction and rehabilitation

phases



In which of the following phases is infrastructure financing more challenging?

Private participation in financing

Respondents tend to favour in all transport infrastructures the participation of the private sector financing, in particular for **air and maritime transport**,

while a weaker interest is registered in relation to urban mobility infrastructures.

To what extent do you agree with the participation of the private sector in infrastructure financing?



PPP's critical aspects

Contract design and risk distribution

was seen to be the most critical aspects for the success of PPP contract, whereas infrastructure reversion was seen as the least important In order of importance, which aspects are more critical for the success of PPP contracts?



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