Workshop Topic: EU Transport Policy and Funding:

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Topics
- Infrastructure: financing and funding
- European Black Book on Infrastructure projects (TEN, structural fundings)
- How to limit increasing public money for unsustainable infrastructure
- How to work on the Eurovignette issue more effectively
- Who pays the bill? Implementation of ppp principles
- Set up TEN-T monitoring network
- How to influence EU, influencing the White Paper review
- Decoupling transport and economy

Most important points of our topic:
- need to address the waste of public money: appeals more to people
- make transparent that EU-infrastructure funding is inefficient, unfair, socially imbalanced and economically harmful

What do we want to achieve?
- Scandalise/emotionalise transport projects
- Awareness for waste of money
- Re-shift money from infrastructure/roads to other use (education, health, social aspects, lower taxes)
- Name and shame responsible people (politician, companies, lobbyist)
- Identify ppp as old idea, inappropriate for future challenges
- Make opportunity costs of new roads transparent.

Three possible strategies that are useful to achieve this:
- Point out overinvestment into roads and make opportunity costs transparent
- Name and shame
- Black book with bad examples for new infrastructure
- Find allies: finance policy, health, social aspects
- Fight ppp as old crap in new package

Further steps to succeed:
- Get the information about bad infrastructure
- Define clear objectives and messages for a campaign

- Raise money/find funding on all levels for a international coordinated campaign

Practical action points for the next half year:
- Set up a working group coordinated by Markus Liechti (T&E) on TEN-T (core group: Anelia, Pippa, Tilmann, Ilmar…) by 31st January 06
- BUND database for info-collection can be used

Concrete things each of us can offer to make it happen:
- BUND database
- Markus: working group