

Project Group Title: Overcoming Bottlenecks

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Project Idea: (short description of the sub-work package, main ideas, how the group will carry out the work; please also include a list of task to be undertaken)

Background

Taking a starting point in the first three WP C report, it has been shown that there are vast opportunities for cooperation between ports and their hinterlands. Despite this evidence, companies within the transport industry are often reluctant to share ideas and cooperate with one another. It is thus proposed that C-4b works to explore some of these issues – based on an ‘administration and organisation perspective’. In other words, what are the administration and organisational “bottlenecks” for further integration, cooperation and overall improvements in hubs, hinterlands and port transport networks?

As such, the aim of C-4b will be to further examine, describe and comment on some of the most pressing bottlenecks which have been identified in the other WP C reports and/or by key stakeholders. These include;

- Customs Procedure Bottlenecks
- Access Control Bottlenecks
- Integration Bottlenecks
- Market Distortion Bottlenecks
- Border Crossing Bottlenecks

It is the aim to explore 3-4 of the above mentioned bottlenecks via various methods, such as, interviews, literature reviews, exploring national/regional reports and other sources of inputs. FDT will take the lead with coordinating the C-4b work, with inputs expected from all project partners.

Project Objectives: (how it will assist with meeting some of the objectives of WP C)

The objectives of the sub-work package are:

- Explore bottlenecks to creating a more co-operative and improved transport network from hubs and hinterlands to ports.
- Describe and discuss how these bottlenecks are affecting the further development of transport networks
- Offer possible solutions to the above mentioned bottlenecks.
- Overall, C-4b will assist with meeting WP C objective by contributing to a better understanding and developing of how goods transport can be improved.

Other Comments:

Activities:	Who	Deadline
1. Explore, research and begin writing for background to bottlenecks	All partners	mid-May to July 2010
2. Discussion of issues with projects partners (tele-conference?)	All partners, lead by FDT	July 2010
3. Interim paper completed	All partners	End of August 2010
4. Draft Paper completed	All partners	September 15, 2010
5. WP C Meeting/Workshop in Norway	All partners	early November 2010
6. Final Paper completed and uploaded to StratMoS webpage	FDT	November 19, 2010