

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON

MEASURING INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

9-10 February 2012

Location: IEA-9 rue de la Fédération 75015 Paris (room 2)

Objective

The workshop is a platform for statisticians and stakeholders to discuss and better understand transport infrastructure investment and maintenance data. The aim is to bring together data providers and users to share their experience with the methodology, interpretation and limitations of transport investment data. The workshop allows for comparison and discussion of practice and examines the experience with harmonising definitions and methods. In doing so opportunities for data quality improvement will be identified.

Background

Infrastructure investments are a key determinant of performance in the transport sector. However, the sector lacks standardised definitions and methods for measuring investment – and *a fortiori* assets. The increasing mix of public and private investors and operators in the transport sector adds to the complexity of measuring investments and outcomes. Transport infrastructure has to be maintained and measurement of maintenance costs and outcomes differs widely across modes and countries. Subsidies complicate measurement further. They provide additional resources but are not necessarily defined as investments. The lack of clear definitions and common practices hinders meaningful analysis and comparison, and this may lead to inaccuracy in decision making.

Expected outcomes

The workshop will promote exchanges between experts from different countries and transport modes and contribute to developing a more consistent international framework for transport investment statistics, with the ultimate goal of facilitating a better understanding of the impact of transport investment on the economy and the efficiency of the transport system. Findings will also serve as inputs to the International Transport Forum's Summit on "Funding Transport" to be held in May 2013.

Organisation and contact

The workshop is organized by the International Transport Forum. The meeting language is English.

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 Chair person : Patricia HU-Director at BTS, USA

1. Welcome and objectives of the workshop	9:30
<i>Presentation of main objectives and expected outcomes</i>	5'
2. Opening Session	9:35
• <i>Data needs and existing gaps in economic research (T.Välilä-EIB)</i>	20'
Discussion	15'
3. Measuring infrastructure investment and maintenance	10:10
<i>This session aims at understanding the different methods used to measure investment and maintenance, identify data weaknesses, define the border between investment and maintenance and suggest improvement possibilities.</i>	
• <i>The National Accounts and transports (P.Van De Ven-OECD)</i>	20'
• <i>Measuring Trans-European Networks investment (H.Morsi-EU)</i>	20'
Coffee break	10:50-11:10
• <i>Definitions and methods in France (F.Boccarda - MoT)</i>	20'
• <i>Transportation Investment Statistics in the USA : Challenge and Opportunities (Patricia Hu-BTS)</i>	20'
• <i>Status and issues in India's transport statistics (T.P.Sankar-TERI and A.Kumar-GoI)</i>	20'
Discussion	30'
Lunch break	12:45

4. Combining data from public and private entities.	14:15
<i>Private participation is increasing in transport investment projects. This has a strong impact on the amount of available information and on its comparability. This session should allow participants to exchange view on how improving private sector data coverage and availability.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The importance of data in public & private assessments of transport projects (C Gonzalez-IRF)</i> • <i>Railways Regulatory Asset Bases (P.McMahon-ORR)</i> • <i>The relationship between private and public investment - The airports approach (R.Echevarne-ACI)</i> • <i>A country perspective for compiling investment data from different sources.(K. Sandberg-TRAFA)</i> 	20' 20' 20' 20'
Discussion	30'
Coffee break	16:05
5. Harmonisation of international data collections	16:25
<i>An overview of existing collections what are their scope and main difficulties. Strategies for improvements and harmonisation.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the ITF database and data dissemination (M. Barreto-ITF) • Presentation of Eurostat data collections (L. Freysson and (G.Amerini-Eurostat) 	15' 15'
Discussion	30'
End of the first day	17:30

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6. Matching needs and identifying gaps	9:30
<i>This session will provide a more precise view of what are user needs, and where they are not fulfilled in order to identify priorities, joint efforts and develop common practices.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Improved data for enhanced analysis to support policy development and implementation of sustainable transport (J. Leather-ADB)</i>	20'
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Can we better evaluate assets? (A.Kopp-WB)</i>	20'
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Data needs for efficient rail network investment assessment (M.Jahanshahi-RFF)</i>	20'
Discussion	30'
Coffee break	11:00
7. Summary discussion and concluding remarks	11:20
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Presentation from the workshop rapporteur (Louis Thompson)</i>	20'
Discussion	30'
End of workshop	12:15