Response to questionnaire for:

Assessment of strategic plans and policy measures on Investment and Maintenance in Transport Infrastructure

Country:

Liechtenstein
1 INTRODUCTION

The transport network in Liechtenstein consists of a road network and a railway line. Liechtenstein has no motorway, but has close access to the Swiss and Austrian motorways across the borders. The railway connects the Swiss and Austrian railway networks and is operated by the Austrian Federal Railways. There is no maritime port or airports in Liechtenstein.

1.1 Infrastructure
Road network (state property)
- Paved roads: 105km
- Unpaved roads: 25km

Road network (local): approx.: 500km

Railway network
- Railway (conventional): 9km

1.2 Performance
Road: On Weekdays some small congestions are common, which have a negative impact on the road based public transport (bus lines).

Railway: due to the single-tracked railway with limited crossing capacity, delays of trains affect other trains.

2 MAJOR PROJECTS AND FUNDING

Main projects:
- Liechtenstein plans together with Austria the extension of the existing railway on partly double-tracks with the goal to operate a commuter railway. All stations are to be rebuilt.

Financing sources (investment & maintenance):
- road network is financed by state on annual basis
- local roads are financed by municipalities
- existing railway is financed by Austrian Federal Railway

Private-public partnership is not applied in Liechtenstein.
Due to the crisis, policy/funding structure is the same but the level of funding is lower.
3 STRATEGIC PLANS

Policy objectives:
- Enhance quality of the transport system
- establish settlement structures with low transport needs
- increase road safety
- minimize impacts on environment and minimize its consumption of resources
- secure financing for the transport system

Challenges:
- eliminate frequent congestion
- promote public transport
- solve conflicts between transport modes

3.1 Long Term
- NA

3.2 Mid Term
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4 ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Investments are based on the strategic mobility program and spatial planning. Projects, which fulfill the criteria’s, have to run through an Environmental Impact Assessment.