

OPENING REMARKS ON SUBTHEME G

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The paper to be presented during the sessions that form together subtheme G of the Conference, can be grouped around some basic topics.

The sessions 1 and 2 are mainly concentrated on infrastructure. As far as the planning of infrastructure projects is concerned, various geographic scales are taken into consideration: the West-European scale, the regional scale as well as the micro scale of a major seaport.

Given its impacts for the hinterland, such an infrastructural project on the micro level has important links with the overall network that connects the socio-economic base-points of Western Europe.

Beside the planning of infrastructure projects, their effectiveness for the economic development of certain areas will be discussed as well as ways to improve the efficiency in the use of existing infrastructure.

During the session 3 and 4, the papers will be centered around four issues:

- In the three papers the impact of transport facilities on the activity space will be dealt with. Attention is given to the impact on the residential density, the accessibility to employment and on the residential location.
- The influencing of modal choice is approached by the two types of policy: a traffic restraint policy and a policy that stimulates the use of bicycles.
- The topic of transport modelling is presented through the work that is going on in Greece.

- Although time valuation up to now is studied in connection with investment projects in industrialised countries, the problems that have to be solved in developing countries ask for an approach that gives full attention to these specific conditions. They will be presented in detail.

The sessions 5 and 6 will be mainly concentrated on transport problems in urban areas.

- The operation of public transport systems will be discussed for the bus and the rail techniques.
- The evaluation methods in urban transportation planning will be presented for rail as well as for road transport systems.

A wider scale than the urban area is covered by a paper that deals with the simultaneous assignment of freight and passenger transport on a rail infrastructure network.

During the last sessions attention will be given to the allocation of financial resources in the transport industry and to the importance of transport for the security of a country.