

Centrico BRIEFING NOTE

Using ITS to manage Europe's busiest roads



CENTRICO Award

SUMMARY

Finalising the Multi-annual Indicative Programme 2001 - 2006 CENTRICO decided to award prizes for his best projects. During a ceremonial reception, taken place on 28th November 2006 in Brussels, the nominated and the winner projects were decorated by a high level jury. More than 30 projects were assessed, showing the high quality on ITS deployments originated by CENTRICO partners in the past.

The Idea

By the end of the year 2006 the Multi-annual Indicative Programme 2001 – 2006 has finished and CENTRICO has reflected its work and results achieved during those years. Looking back and forward at the same time, this assessment is the basis for the co-operation in the years to come.

The CENTRICO partners decided to find the most interesting projects through the vote of an independent jury and to organise a come together and ceremonial reception in Brussels.

At this event a prize for the best CENTRICO projects of the last six years was awarded by an international jury of renowned experts in the field.

The Categories

In order to reflect all major technical as well as political goals four categories were formed:

- The best cross-border and international project
- The best traffic management project
- The best end user information project
- The most original approach

The Procedure

In total more than 30 projects applied for the Award, sending in short abstracts that cover objectives, contents and result. The CENTRICO Steering Committee has, by secret voting, nominated the top 3 projects in each category. Afterwards a jury was asked to assess these projects on five criteria respectively. The criteria were:

- Performance

How well does the project address the issue of its award category?

- Innovation/Idea

How new is the ITS solution / has it been implemented before?

- European Aspect

How did/could this project have a positive impact to other EU countries?

- Efficiency

What is the cost/benefit ratio, i.e. how much has been spent for what benefits?

- Evaluation

Has an evaluation been carried out to support its performance and how were the results achieved?

The Jury

For the jury high level representatives of each CENTRICO Member State and the European Commission were nominated. Finally the jury was associated by

- Mr. Philip Taillieu from Belgium,
- Mr. Ben Still from England,
- Mr. Wolfgang Hahn from Germany,
- Mr. Jean-Francois Janin from France,
- Mr. Theo F. J. van de Gazelle from the Netherlands, and
- Mr. Bernard van Houtte from the European Commission.



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The Ceremony

The CENTRICO Award Ceremony has taken place on 28th November 2006 at the Tour & Taxis Building in the heart of Brussels. Mr. Jürg Sparmann, president of the German research association on roads and transport (FGSV), acted as the evening's moderator.



At the evening about 75 high level persons from the European Commission and from the CENTRICO Member States have attended.



Detailed technical information on all projects was shown on screens

The Winners

The highlight of the evening was, of course, the awarding ceremony. The winners were:

- in the category „best cross-border and international project“ the project „**Enabling the Connection of CENTRICO's Traffic Centres through OTAP/ DATEX II Developments**“ from England,
- in the category „best traffic management project“ the project „**Temporary Hard Shoulder Use**“ from Hessen,

- in the category „best end user information project“ the project „**Long Distance Travel Times on SAPN Network**“ from France, and
- in the category „most original approach“ the project „**Telematics-controlled Parking (TCP) – Pilot Montabaur**“ from Rheinland Pfalz.



The complete list of all winning and nominated projects can be found under: www.centrico.org/award

The CENTRICO Award was very well received and most of the winners used their trophy to raise interest within their organisations and for a wider public.

As a result the Award helped to promote ITS within national as well as international transportation communities.

The Outlook

CENTRICO proposes to launch an Euro-regional Award in the framework of Easyway and have an awarding event combined with the annual i2TERN conference. This would certainly help to strengthen beneficial competition amongst European Road Operators in the area of ITS.

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