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Register today to FOX final conference!

Register [here](#) to the FOX project's final conference on the morning of Wednesday 25th October (9:30 am to 12 pm) at FEHRL member BAST near Cologne, Germany (Brüderstraße 53, D-51427 Bergisch Gladbach) to learn about all the results of this project. Click [here](#) for the draft agenda and [here](#) for recommended hotels and logistics information. Also register [here](#) for the cocktail buffet as of 5.30pm the same day.

The conference will present all the project results, as well as the next steps for implementation and exploitation. This event is one of the following series of events planned for the whole week:

- **Monday 23rd October, whole day:** [EC Collaboration Innovation Days final event](#)
- **Tuesday 24th October, whole day:** Infravation Scientific Panel and Project Coordinators meeting
- **Wednesday 25th October, morning:** H2020 [FOX project](#) final conference - register [here](#) for this event
- **Wednesday 25th October, afternoon:** Infravation Annual Event 2017 - register [here](#) for this event
- **Wednesday 25th October, 5.30pm:** Cocktail buffet - register [here](#) for this event
- **Thursday 26th October, morning:** [Healroad project](#) demonstration event - register [here](#) for this event
- **Thursday 26th October, afternoon:** Infravation Steering Group meeting

For more information on the FOX final conference, contact Project Officer Miglė Paliukaitė at migle.paliukaite@fehrl.org and for the Infravation-related events contact Project Officer Claudia Ciuca at claudia.ciuca@fehrl.org.

Formed in 1989 as the Forum of European National Highway Research Laboratories, FEHRL is a registered international association comprising more than 40 national research/technical centres. Associates from non-European countries provide FEHRL with strong links to the considerable research capacity available globally. With a permanent Secretariat based in Brussels, FEHRL is directly governed by the General Directors of the national road research institutes and laboratories.



Through the specification and delivery of research, FEHRL's main objectives of FEHRL are to:

- Provide scientific input to policy on road and infrastructure matters.
- Create and maintain an efficient and safe road and infrastructure network.
- Increase innovation in road and infrastructure construction and related industries.
- Improve the energy efficiency of road and infrastructure engineering and operations
- Protect the environment and improve the quality of life.

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Background to FOX

An efficient and high-quality transport infrastructure is a fundamental requirement for the connectivity of people and goods in Europe as well as the basis for economic growth, competitiveness and territorial cohesion. In light of the present and future challenges facing transport infrastructure (increasing transport demand, ageing infrastructure, scarcity of natural resources etc.), collaboration between transport modes needs to be strengthened in order to create an improved future integrated and functioning transport system for Europe. The FOX project will help achieve this by developing a highly efficient and effective cross-modal R&D environment and culture which meets the demanding requirements of our transport infrastructure.

Based on the already existing co-modal transport research programmes and agendas, the FOX project will identify common needs and innovative techniques in the technical areas of construction, maintenance, inspection, and recycling & reuse of transport infrastructure. This will be reached by the involvement of stakeholders from all the modes using a phased approach, starting with the determination of the state-of-the-art in research and practice, followed by the identification of the most promising practices and ideas. By mapping the common needs, the final aim is to establish a cross-modal Working Group to develop a roadmap for the whole transport sector and set the agenda for the further improvement of cross-modal research development innovation. FOX is a 30-month project under the Horizon 2020 topic of MG-8.1b-2014 - Smarter design, construction and maintenance.

The FOX results (outputs, outcomes and impacts) to be disseminated and exploited will include:

- A network of researchers and practitioners from all transport modes for the following infrastructure lifecycle topics: construction, maintenance, inspection and recycle & reuse.
- The research agenda for the further improvement of multi-modal research, development, innovation and implementation.
- A cross-modal roadmap giving guidelines for more efficient collaboration and cooperation among operators in the various transport modes.
- A FOX 'Working Group' with sub groups, which is committed to the development of a cross-modal roadmap of the transport sector and implementation of "cross modal R&D".
- A list of promising methods in the field of construction, maintenance, inspection and recycle & reuse that can be applied in at least two transport modes.

The FOX concept stemmed from FEHRL's FORx4 initiative. FORx4 (Forever Open Road, Rail, Runway and River), which focuses on infrastructure innovation for seamless mobility, contains the four modes of road, rail, runway and river and four shared domains of infrastructure, technology, governance and customers. In FORx4, stakeholders from all transport modes will engage to develop a broad strategy for the programme research plan and develop the required themes, topics and demonstrators over the next decades.

There is a need to strengthen the cooperation between stakeholders in all transport modes, so the consortia of FOX, as well as sister project USE-IT and [REFINET](#) have agreed to work together to enhance the performance of multi-modal transport infrastructure.

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