



Situation

The issue of how our daily activities affect energy efficiency, safety, and the environment is among the most discussed topics in Europe today. Mobility and transportation are at the top of the agenda when looking for potential improvements.

Research supported by the European Commission proposes the concept of co-modality as an essential instrument to achieve a high level of mobility while respecting environmental protection. Co-modality is defined as the efficient use of different transport modes on their own as well as their combination.

The existing transport system still remains far away from realising that concept. The interface between long and short-distance transport in a door-to-door trip remains frequently the weak link in the transport chain. This is true for both passenger and freight transport. The current situation favours to choose uni-modal solutions by users, and handicaps the development of more competitive and more sustainable transport chains. In addition, this situation reduces the number of alternatives available to users, such as innovative services, intermodal transport. Instead, users have to cope with complex, expensive and non-efficient operations in these interfaces.

The outcomes of CLOSER project will address these issues. CLOSER is a project co-funded by the European Commission FP7.

CLOSER – How it can be beneficial for you

1. Research and business communities:
 - Review of previous research results
 - Definition of a set of indicators
 - Recommendations
 - Case studies
2. Decision makers:
 - More standardized approach to the definition interfaces
 - Guidelines for a more systematic approach to the project cycle of interfaces and their management
 - Recommendations concerning decision-makers' role in supporting and funding improvement schemes for interfaces
3. Share and learn about good practices in Europe.

Main Objectives of CLOSER

Based on existing research and practice the project CLOSER will develop innovative tools for the analysis of interfaces and check these tools in a number of case studies. As a result specific recommendations to stakeholders will be provided in order to obtain:

1. A more systematic approach to the whole project cycle of interfaces from planning to design and operation.
2. Specific guidelines for decision makers in order to cope with the challenges of a particular project, and to get the most out of the opportunities that each project offer in the areas of transport, spatial, and economic development.
3. A friendlier regulatory environment; fostering cooperation and supporting better integrated interfaces.
4. Improved mechanisms for funding those concepts with a higher degree of integration (including EU funding schemes).
5. Greater involvement of stakeholders, particularly transport operators.



List of Partners

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Newsletter

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