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SupperGreen 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Workshop, Genova, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011

## SUPPORTING EU'S FREIGHT TRANSPORT LOGISTICS ACTION PLAN ON GREEN CORRIDORS ISSUES

The second Plenary *SuperGreen* Workshop took place in Genova, Italy, on 12th September 2011 in order to communicate on project progress and discuss green logistics and relevant technologies with the relevant stakeholders.

The *SuperGreen* project is a Coordination and Support Action, co-funded by the European Commission in the context of the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, and coordinated by the National Technical University of Athens.

With the clear objective to assist the Commission with defining a European 'Green Corridors' concept, the project involves 22 partners from 13 European countries including transport, logistics and infrastructure operators, shippers, environmental organisations and authorities responsible for social and spatial planning, consultants, academia and R&D.

The plenary workshop was opened by the representative of the European Commission Ms Fleur Breuillin, who gave an overview of the evolving Green Corridors updated policy context. The workshop was attended by 40 participants who are experts in the transport and logistics field who shared their expertise and constructive opinions during the different points of the projects conducted by Prof. H. N. Psaraftis.

It was firstly focused on the overview of the corridors' benchmarking. The second part was focused on a brief description of the activities presented by the leaders of the work packages on Green Technologies and ICTs. In total forty of the most important green technologies have been selected for testing purposes between all identified ones and have been broken down into nine categories, including engines and propulsion systems, fuels and sources of energy, cargo handling and transfer, heating and cooling, vehicles and navigation technologies, and covering all modes of transport.

Finally a presentation on the possible areas of application of technologies and how they could improve the sustainability performance of the corridors was performed.

Close contact with the logistics sector is the key for *SuperGreen* success. For this reason, the next main project workshop is planned for April 17, 2012 (Gijon, Spain). With updated results of the project, the focus of this workshop will be on policy issues so please get ready for this major event!

People and/or organizations interested in the project can send an email to <a href="mailto:supergreen@martrans.org">supergreen@martrans.org</a> or look at the project's web site at <a href="www.supergreenproject.eu">www.supergreenproject.eu</a>.



