

REACT Conference Belgrade, Serbia, May 16-17, 2011 "Shaping Climate Friendly Transport in Europe: Key Findings & Future Directions"



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REACT Competition

Register your project and team with us in REACT Conference in Belgrade, Serbia May 16-17, 2011

Objectives

The REACT competition aims at identifying and communicating the most relevant projects and studies on transport and mobility that are having or will have a significant impact on reducing carbon emissions.

The competition will select three successful research projects (1 winner, 2 runner ups) whose reference persons will be given the opportunity to present their idea at the REACT Belgrade Conference in May 2011, with covered expenses from the REACT project.

Participants

Invitations to participants have been sent as a result of a pre-selection process among existing climate-friendly transport projects funded under EC (6th and 7th Framework Programmes).

Participation procedure

After registering on the REACT website, the reference person should complete his/her profile and then they will be invited to fill in an on-line form that should illustrate some important aspects of the project:

- 1. Selection of the project research area
- 2. General description of the project [max 200 words]
- 3. Project contribution and cost-efficiency in reducing carbon emissions [max 50 words]
- 4. Political and social feasibility of project findings [max 50 words]
- 5. Most important other positive impacts (e.g., ecological impacts, social equity, quality of life, job creation, competitiveness, etc.) [max 50 words]
- 6. Elements of innovation [max 50 words]
- 7. Project transferability to other similar contexts [max 50 words]

Evaluation

Evaluation of projects is conducted by participants themselves. Everyone who has registered and entered the competition will be asked to evaluate at least three other projects (except for his/her own project).

The evaluation will be on a four level rating scale:

Poor

Good

Excellent

The scores for each project will be calculated on the base of two attributes:

• the normalized number of votes received by each project (quantity indicator);

Modest

• the normalized average score, calculated as the sum of the stars divided by the number of votes (quality indicator).

The final scores will derive from a weighted sum of both terms. In this way, winning will consider not only how "good" the project is but also how many people found it interesting and remarkable. In order to balance the importance of the two indicators, the quantity indicator will be normalised in two different methods. This will lead to have two kinds of scores for each project:

- an "absolute score" calculated from the total number of votes;
- a "category score" calculated from the number of votes for each research area.

The winner will be decreed as the first one in the absolute ranking, while the two runners-up will be the two projects with the best category score.

Winners and ceremony

All participants will be personally informed about the results. The first project in the absolute ranking and the first two projects in the category ranking will be given the opportunity to **present** their research project at the final REACT Climate-Friendly Transport Conference on the 16-17 May 2011 in Belgrade, **with travel and accommodation expenses covered by REACT**.

The winners will also receive an **honorary plaque** in a special short ceremony during the conference.

How to Participate

Participating in the REACT Competition is very simple. Just register your project and evaluate the other projects. Read the following instructions and consider the deadlines:

1. **REGISTRATION**

After receiving our invitation email, please visit the REACT website <u>www.react-transport.eu</u>, register, login and complete the on-line form with the information required. Submit your information. The competition registration form is visible only after successful registration to the website.

2. EVALUATION

An e-mail will inform you that the evaluation period has begun. Login REACT website and have a look at the subscribed projects and evaluate at least 3 projects according to the criteria and rating scale described above. Once the evaluation deadline has expired, you can check your final rank and an e-mail will inform you about your final placement. If your project is placed within the top three, you will be contacted by the REACT partners to invite you to participate, with all expenses paid, in the REACT Final Conference in Belgrade (16 – 17 May 2011).

Imports Dates

REGISTRATION PHASE: 24 January to 28 February 2011 (EXTENDED DEADLINE)

EVALUATION PHASE: 01 March to 31 March 2011



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