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SPADE project develops assessment method for transport measures

Panteia, together with its European partners, has started working on the research project SPADE (assessing the added value from SPAtial DEvelopment as a factor in infrastructure planning). SPADE aims at providing an integrated assessment method for transport infrastructure measures and spatial development. The method will help to show the added value of the measures, involving different stakeholders at different spatial levels.

Following an open call in 2017: "Collaborative Planning of Infrastructure Networks and spatial Development", the SPADE project has been selected as one of three research projects to be funded by the Conference of European Directors of Roads (CEDR). This CEDR research programme focuses on the need for developing a common framework for integrated planning of infrastructure and spatial development ("collaborative planning"). In this context, SPADE will provide a method for assessing measures and packages of measures for infrastructure and spatial development.

The assessment method comprises a process and a tool. The process will describe the collaborative planning of policy measures, in which stakeholders from different backgrounds, with different "wish lists" and different planning procedures need to work together. The tool is supporting the process and consists of a combination of a digital workshop and an assessment instrument. A first version of the assessment tool has been developed for Rijkswaterstaat (NL). It combines a multi-criteria analysis (MCA) with a cost-benefit analysis (CBA) and will be further developed in SPADE. Henk Taale (Rijkswaterstaat) stated that he would be "very curious to see how the assessment method will turn out on a European scale".

The method will be tested in both urban and rural settings and in The Netherlands, Norway and Austria, in order to show its practical effectiveness. Several stakeholders from different spatial levels will be involved such as municipalities, infrastructure providers, logistic providers, interest groups and citizens.

The project will take two years and aims to be completed in August 2020. In addition to Panteia, the other project partners are the Institute for Transport Economics (TØI), the German consulting and software company HaCon Ingenieurgesellschaft mbH (HaCon) and the AIT Austrian Institute of Technology.

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