

# THE ISSUE Molise Conference

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## Objectives

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# EC Regions of Knowledge



**“Co-ordinated action to support economic sustainable development by boosting the competitiveness of transport-related economies.”**

**“Triple Helix” regional research clusters**  
**Core partners from four European Member States.**  
**8 Associate Partners aiming to develop research clusters**

**Research Coordination**

**TRAFFIC-HEALTH-ENVIRONMENT**



# Mission Statement



**Deliver solutions to transport and mobility problems that enhance the economic, social and environmental health of urban and regional communities.**

**To assess current research and explore potential innovations for the reduction of traffic congestion and the improvement of air quality.**

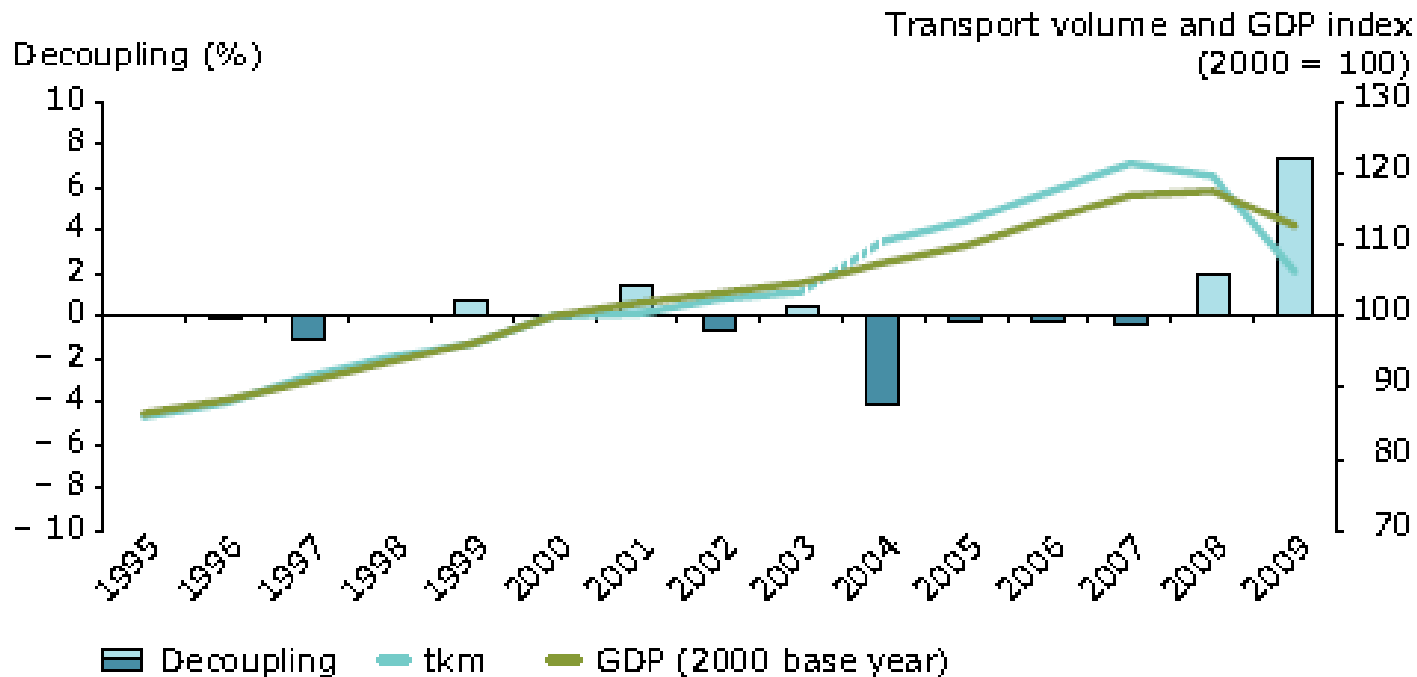
**Use the innovative potential from space and information technologies towards these objectives.**

**Co-operation between research-driven clusters across regions**



# The case for RTD in Transport Related Areas

Figure 6.6 Trends in freight transport volume (tkm = tonne kilometres) and GDP



Where is East Midlands on this curve?



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1. Review outcomes from the first year from the development of THE ISSUE Technology Roadmap.
2. Draw conclusions and recommendations from the Foresight Consultation that has been in progress since the Toulouse conference and will be concluded this week in Molise.
3. Use the Technology Roadmap and the Foresight outcomes to shape priorities for THE ISSUE Joint Action Plan.
4. Develop regional research clusters and joint programmes within clusters and between regions.

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# Conference Objectives: Day 1



- 1. Outcomes from the first year in developing Technology Roadmaps  
In each core region.**
  - RTD Audit**
  - Audit of Transport Plans of Regional and Local Authorities**
  - Analysis of Strengths and Weaknesses in each regional cluster**
  - Recommendations for Research and Technology Development for  
the benefit of regional and urban economies.**
  - Progress with our dissemination, and communications strategies**
- 2. Associate regions participation in THE ISSUE.**
- 3. Conclude the Foresight review through the planned interactive sessions.**

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# Conference Objectives: Day 2



1. Priority Research, Technology Objectives for THE ISSUE Joint Action Plan
2. European Horizon 2020 and Structural Funding to support implementation of Joint RTD Action. Complementary National and Regional Funding.
3. The ISSUE Communication and Dissemination Strategy.

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# Conference Objectives: Day 3



## Consultation Group Reviews

What we have learned

The Way Forward

Action Plan

## 2. Plenary Session and Closing.