

Preface

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The project was funded by the Directorate-General Information Society to identify research and other actions needed to progress appropriate applications of transport technologies in Europe. This required state-of-the-art reviews. With the aid of over 100 experts, the project team identified areas where actions were needed, the scale and character of those actions, and their subsequent promotion through a range of initiatives. This book provides insights into the Intelligent Transport System (ITS) areas identified, issues which need to be addressed and visions of what the future might hold.

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