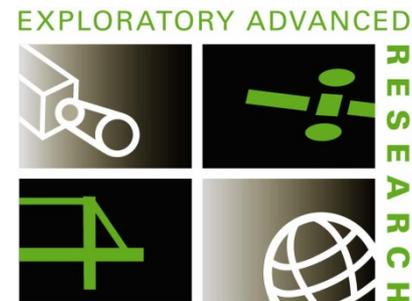




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# Infravation Program U.S. Outreach

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# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Objectives
3. Introduction to Infravation
4. Next Steps
5. Q&A's

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# Poll Question #1

- Who is participating in today's informational web meeting?

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## 2. Objectives

- Highway construction, operations, management, and maintenance is increasingly international
- Provide European and U.S. highway researchers opportunity to work directly with each other

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# Poll Question #2

- Who has experience with cross national funding?
- Is your cross national work increasing?

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# 3. Introduction

- What is Infravation?
  - Infrastructure + Innovation
- Goal
  - Advancing innovative, near-market materials or processes that will make highway infrastructure last longer, perform more efficiently, and cost less

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# Scoping Study

- 2013 U.S. Scan
- June 2013 Expo
- Study team assessed emerging technologies

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# Seven Challenges

1. Eco-design; resource and energy efficiency in road construction and maintenance
2. Virgin material reduction by substitution or recycling
3. Enhanced durability and life-time extension
4. Rapid and non-destructive methods for routine quality and performance checks of materials and construction
5. Keeping freight routes open through zero-intrusive maintenance
6. Ensuring infrastructure performance under all weather conditions
7. Advanced predictive infrastructure performance processes

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# Poll Question #3

- Who is interested in each challenge area?

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# Program Context

- Supplements National and EU Road Research Programs
  - National: FHWA EAR Program; France 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Road, German Road of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, etc.
  - EU: FP7, Horizon 2020

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# Infravation Funding

- 11 Countries pooled about \$13 million (9 million Euros)
  - includes a one-third top-up from the European Commission
  - U.S. funding from Federal Highway Administration

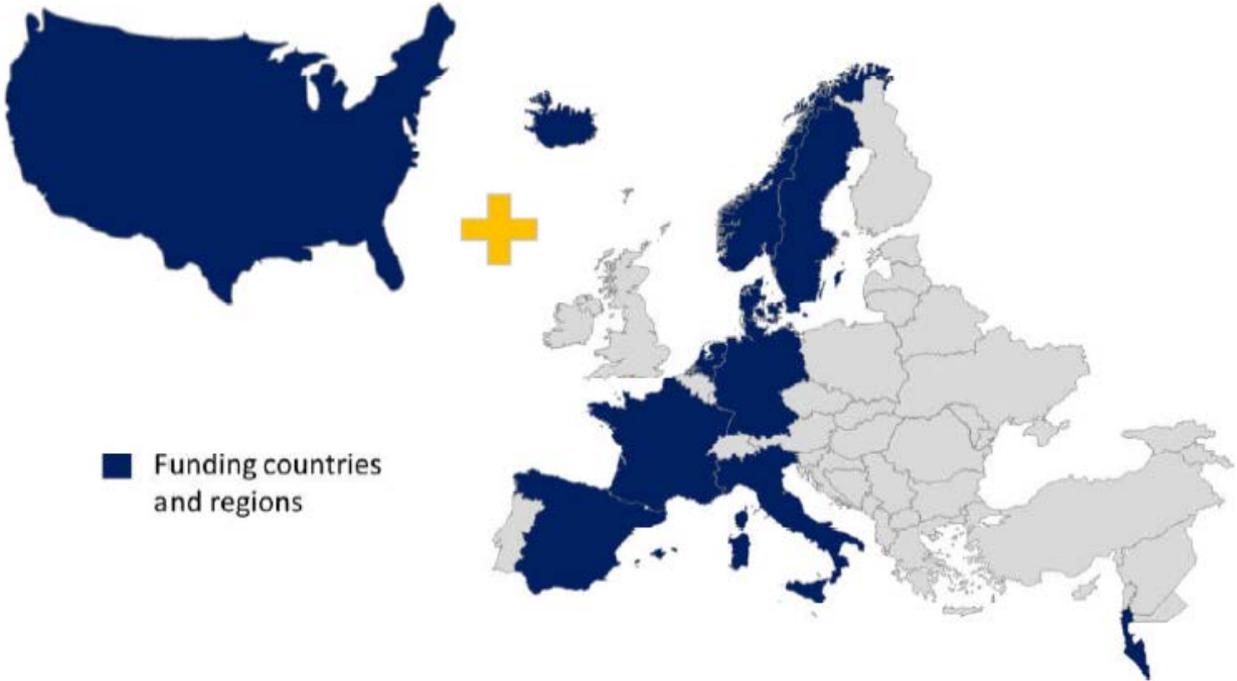
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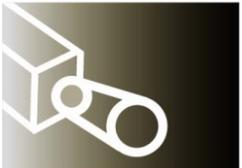
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# Funding Countries



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EXPLORATORY ADVANCED RESEARCH



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# Who can apply for funding?

- Research organizations, universities, companies or others from:
  - Funding countries i.e. the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Spain, France, Italy, Israel and USA.
  - Remaining EU28 countries (with certain restrictions)
  - Countries associated to FP7 i.e. Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Republic of Moldova (with certain restrictions)

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# Partnering

- Minimum of two independent legal entities established in two of the eligible countries.
- There is no limit to the maximum number of partners.

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# Poll Question #4

- Who already has contacted a partner or partners in another country regarding Infravation?

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# Infravation Structure

- Program coordinator
  - Rijkswaterstaat, The Netherlands
- Funding partners
- Scientific panel

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# 4. Next Steps

- Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> call opens
  - Late March, FHWA 2<sup>nd</sup> web-based Infravation workshop
- Two-step process
  - Proposals due Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Accepted proposals provide full information by fall

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# 5. Q&A's

- For more information, please see
  - [www.fhwa.dot.gov/research/resources/infravation.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/research/resources/infravation.cfm)

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