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## Project highlights


Welcome to the newsletter for the FP7 project - "End of life strategies of asphalt pavements" (Re-Road). Most (90%) of Europe's paved roads are made with asphalt. Reclaimed asphalt (RA) should not be looked upon as waste but as a raw material. Both industry and governments recognise the potential environmental benefits of reusing RA in new bound pavements, but there are also performance worries and environmental concerns that sometimes limit the recycling of RA.

The 48-month Re-Road project, which finishes at the end of this year, has addressed asphalt recycling from many perspectives, from the sampling strategies of material not yet recycled, to the performance modelling of asphalt made with RA. Life cycle assessment (LCA) has been used as a transparent framework for illuminating the pros and cons with various ways of recycling. Both data generated by past research and new data generated in the course of the Re-Road project have been used in the LCA.

This newsletter focuses on bringing you the highlights of the work carried out in the six Work Packages, which were concluded recently at the [Re-Road final conference](#) and can be found in all the project [reports](#). Read more about both in the articles below. For more information on Re-Road, see <http://re-road.fehrl.org>.

### Big turnout for Re-Road final conference

The Re-Road final conference, held on Tuesday 13th November 2012 at the THON hotel City Centre in Brussels, attracted over 75 people from industry, policy makers, project member institutes and other key stakeholders. Moderated by

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">VTI</a></li> </ul>	<p>FEHRL Secretary General, Steve Phillips, the conference gave a comprehensive overview of the different areas covered by the project, divided up into the following sessions:</p>
<p><b>WORK PACKAGES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction and setting the scene</li> <li>• Dismantling and Handling Strategies</li> <li>• Sampling and Characterisation</li> <li>• Mix Design</li> <li>• Environmental Criteria</li> <li>• Cost effective recycling</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">WP1: Sampling and Characterization of RA</a></p> <p><a href="#">WP2: Impact of RA quality and characteristics on mix design and performance of asphalt containing RA</a></p> <p><a href="#">WP3: Environmental performance of RA</a></p> <p><a href="#">WP4: RA processing and RA management at the mixing plant</a></p> <p><a href="#">WP5: Performance modelling of RA</a></p> <p><a href="#">WP6: Dissemination, clustering and coordination</a></p>	<p>Click <a href="#">here</a> to read a full account of the conference. All the presentations given during the event and the photos of the speakers and participants can also be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>Re-Road presented at regional seminars</b></p> <p>In order to increase the impact of the project and to reach practitioners, the Re-Road project is being presented at a series of regional seminars, including in France, Germany, Ireland, Italy and Sweden. Click <a href="#">here</a> to read more about these.</p> <p><b>Re-Road reports now on website</b></p> <p>A number of reports have been prepared for the project and are available under the "<a href="#">Project Results</a>" area on the website. This area will contain all the information about the outcomes of the project, including these reports and the next steps.</p>
<p><b>FP7 Collaborative Project</b></p>	<p>Please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:bjorn.kalman@vti.se">bjorn.kalman@vti.se</a> if you would like more information about the project.</p>
<p>Re-Road is a Collaborative Project from the European Commission's FP7 Work Programme SST.2007.1.2.2 entitled "End of life strategies for vehicles/vessels and infrastructures" and SST.2007.1.2.1 "The greening of transport-specific industrial processes".</p> 	<p>Björn Kalman Re-Road Project Coordinator</p>

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