X-trans.EU Cross-Border Public Service

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X-TRANS.EU – Challenges in transportation

Special heavy and oversize-load transports represent a very serious challenge for people, materials, and logistics. Not all routes are suitable for this type of transport, and not infrequently special arrangements such as roadblocks or police escorts are required to guide special transports safely to their destination.

Permits for heavy and oversize-load transport must be obtained for all countries through which the transport will pass.

In general, the permit process requires data describing the cargo, the transport vehicle, and the planned route. However, the application procedures differ in some of the details.

This means that transport companies must keep informed about the regulations in individual countries, forms, deadlines, etc. in order to fulfill all their requirements punctually and accurately.

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X-TRANS.EU - How does it work

The x-trans.eu website plays a central role as a facilitator, gathering information for a transport permit only once and then communicating it in an appropriate manner to the individual European countries' authorities.

The basis for this is a common data model that includes all the information needed for an oversize-load permit. Rules can then be formulated to describe the information and application formats needed in each country for a permit.

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X-TRANS.EU - How does it work

The portal was developed for a pilot project between the state of Bavaria in Germany and the state of Upper Austria in Austria; a prototype is handling applications for and approval of cross-border transport.

All application information required for heavy transport across the German-Austrian border is gathered in one location and appropriately compiled for the approval procedure in Germany and Austria, put into the required format and transferred to the administrative processes VEMAGS and SOTRA.

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X-TRANS.EU - Benefits

A central permit portal such as x-trans.eu can determine which data is needed, and with what level of detail, for approval of international transport, depending on the countries involved. The data can be requested via an integrated form and transferred to the individual applications required by the country.

The portal could be expanded to include additional permits or reporting requirements in the transport sector, which seems sensible.

Using it saves companies from having to learn about the different legal regulations in each country. A central x-trans.eu portal requests the necessary authorization data and sends it to the national regulatory authorities.

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X-TRANS.EU – Call for action

A central EU permit project can significantly accelerate approval processes, lower costs and create am maximum of transparency!

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