

IRF Working Group Environment meets in Geneva



Under the chairmanship of Dimitris Mandalozis from Attikes Diadromes S.A. (Greece), the IRF Working Group Environment gathered for the second time in Geneva on 25th February. The objective of the meeting was to review and discuss contributions submitted by members on the priority topics identified at the kick-off meeting (materials, noise and water) and to plan the work of the group in the light of the forthcoming **"Roads and Environment Conference"** scheduled in Geneva on 10-11 November 2008.

In his introduction, the chairman recalled some of the reasons that pushed IRF members to set up such a WG and his will to make the WG function as a real platform for dialogue providing concrete outputs. Mandalozis reminded the group that rather than an ideological approach promoting environmental mitigation regardless of the real cost and outcome, the aim of the WG was to identify and advocate efficient solutions that could bring real improvements in the environmental performance of the road sector.

In line with this, the group has decided to compile a publication reporting on remarkable and innovative examples of IRF members' commitment to environment. A call for contributions and relative ToR for the publication will be addressed by e-mail to the entire IRF Membership. The collected inputs will be discussed during the next WG meeting scheduled on 14th May. The publication will be made available at the IRF Roads and Environment Conference in November.