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THE FOREVER OPEN ROAD

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Global Challenges



Concept

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Concept – a Project with a **WOW!** Factor!

■ The Fifth Generation Road

- The track
- The paved road
- The smooth road
- Motorways
- **What's next?**



■ A BIG Leap forward for 'the road'!

- Solves existing and future problems
- Achievable through existing and new technology



■ Must be a workable concept

- Long-term pan-European solution
- Many costs savings and benefits



The Forever Open Road

- Takes all our existing ideas and makes one solution that will support all our on-going future needs
- Will produce a new generation of road comprising:
 - the Adaptable Road 
 - the Automated Road 
 - the Resilient Road 
- Integrates innovation in infrastructure, vehicle technology and intelligent transport systems





The Adaptable Road



Porous, low noise surfacing, light reflecting for night time driving.

Adaptable to freight transport communications, location and monitoring requirements.

Flexible, durable surface, self repairing/self-cleaning and instant crack repair.

In-built sensors for traffic monitoring/control and condition monitoring.

In-built lane control/vehicle guidance.

In-built power system for electric vehicles.

Removable/self-cleaning drainage reservoirs feeding carbon capture planting.

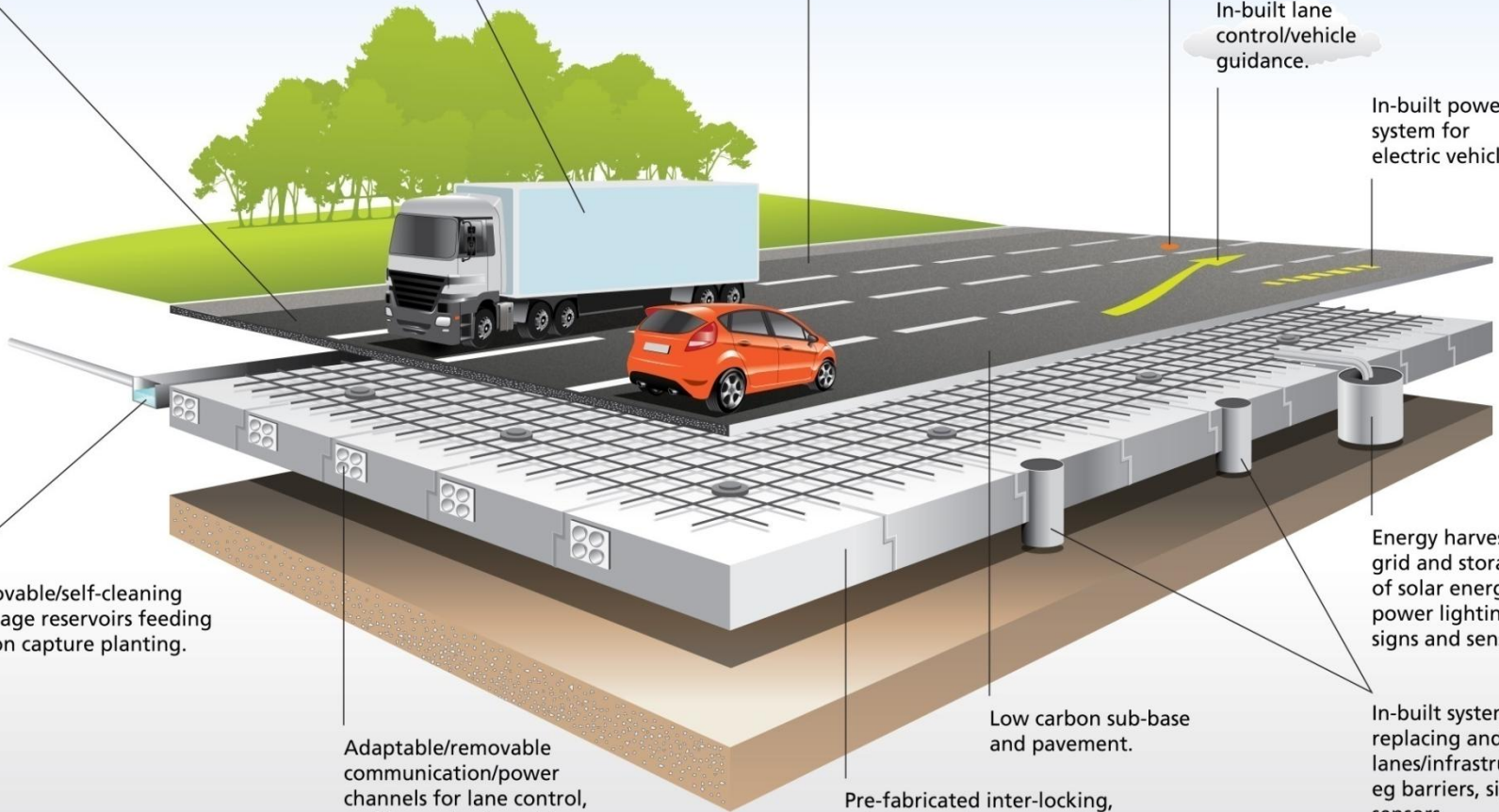
Adaptable/removable communication/power channels for lane control, traffic monitoring, driver information and condition monitoring.

Low carbon sub-base and pavement.

Pre-fabricated inter-locking, sub-base with integrated drainage, services and communications channels.

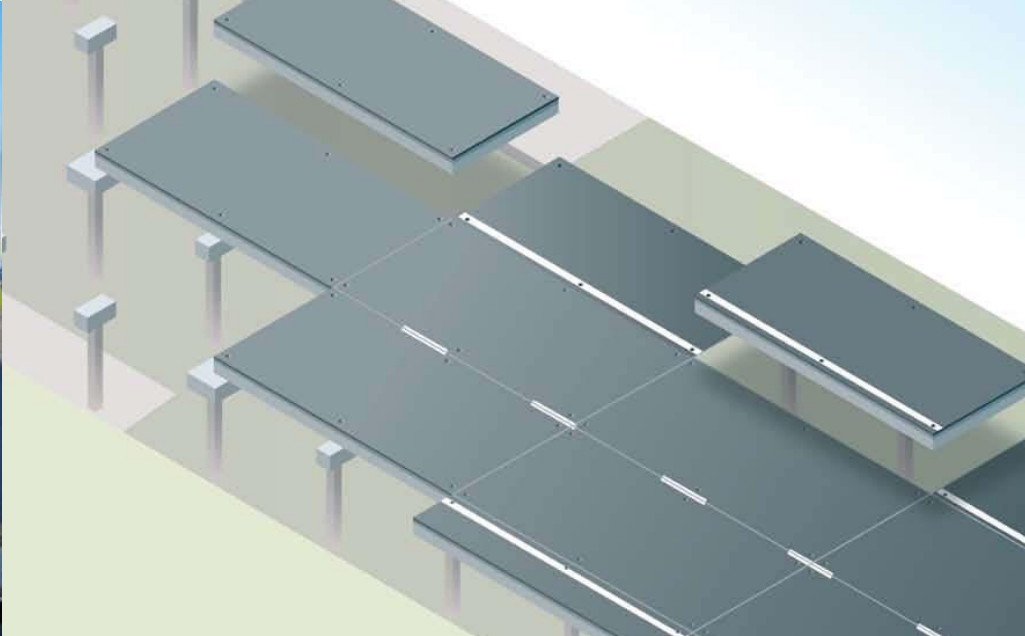
Energy harvesting grid and storage/use of solar energy to power lighting, signs and sensors.

In-built system for replacing and adding lanes/infrastructure, eg barriers, signs and sensors.



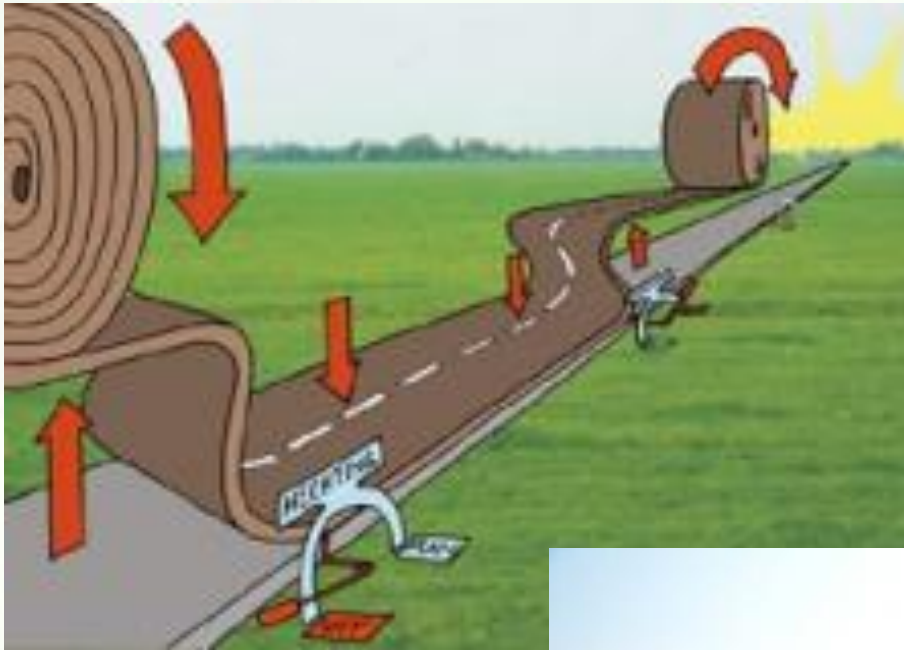


ModieSlab Prefabricated Road





Road on a Roll, Netherlands

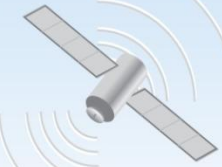




The Automated Road

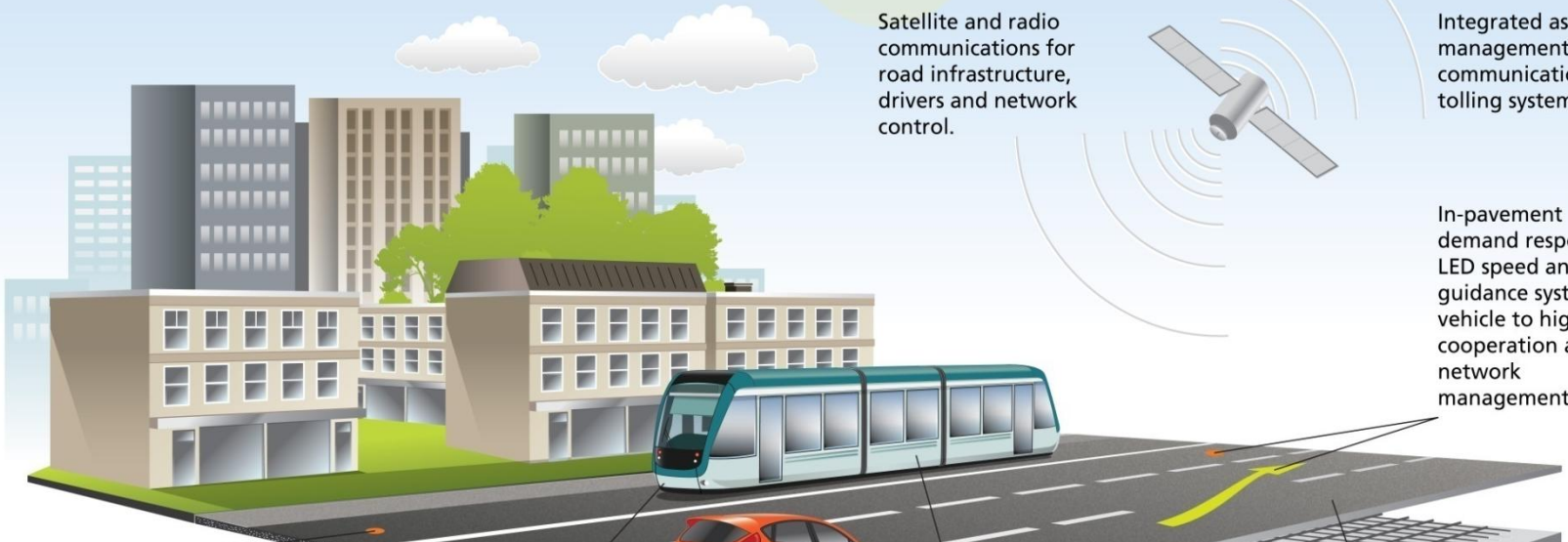


Satellite and radio communications for road infrastructure, drivers and network control.



Integrated asset management communications and tolling system.

In-pavement demand responsive LED speed and guidance systems for vehicle to highway cooperation and network management.



In-pavement sensors for traffic control, vehicle to highway communications, condition/weather and pollution monitoring.

In-vehicle communications and guidance system to provide drivers with direction, weather, hazard and messaging information.

In-vehicle sensors to provide vehicle location, performance information and incident management.

Adaptable inter-operable communication and power system for lane control, vehicle guidance, traffic monitoring, driver information and condition monitoring.



New Communications Systems?





Autonomous Driving



Report: Google quietly logs over 140k on autonomous cars in U.S. city traffic

by Jonathon Ramsey (RSS feed) on Oct 10th 2010 at 7:01PM



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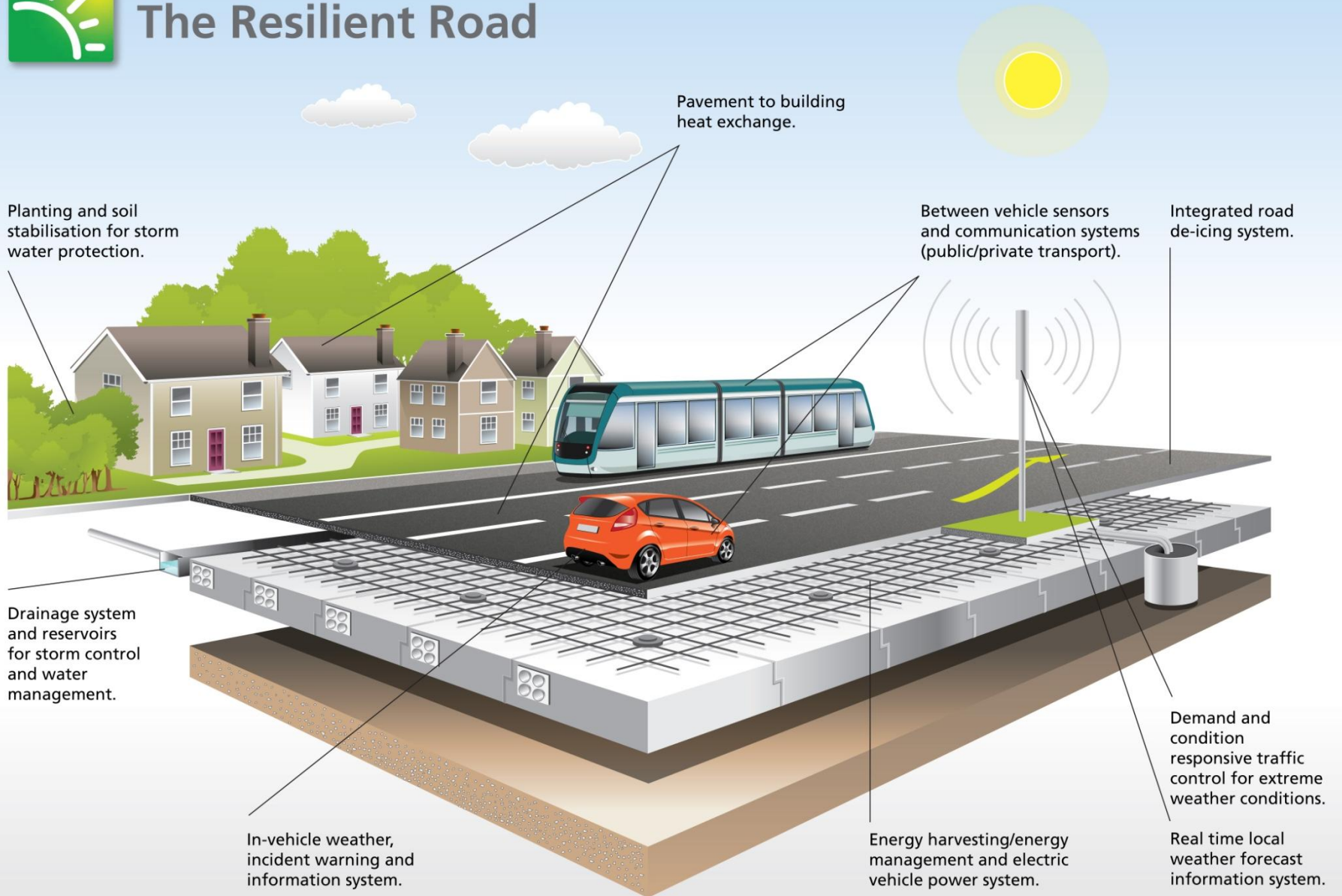
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The Resilient Road





Inductive Charging





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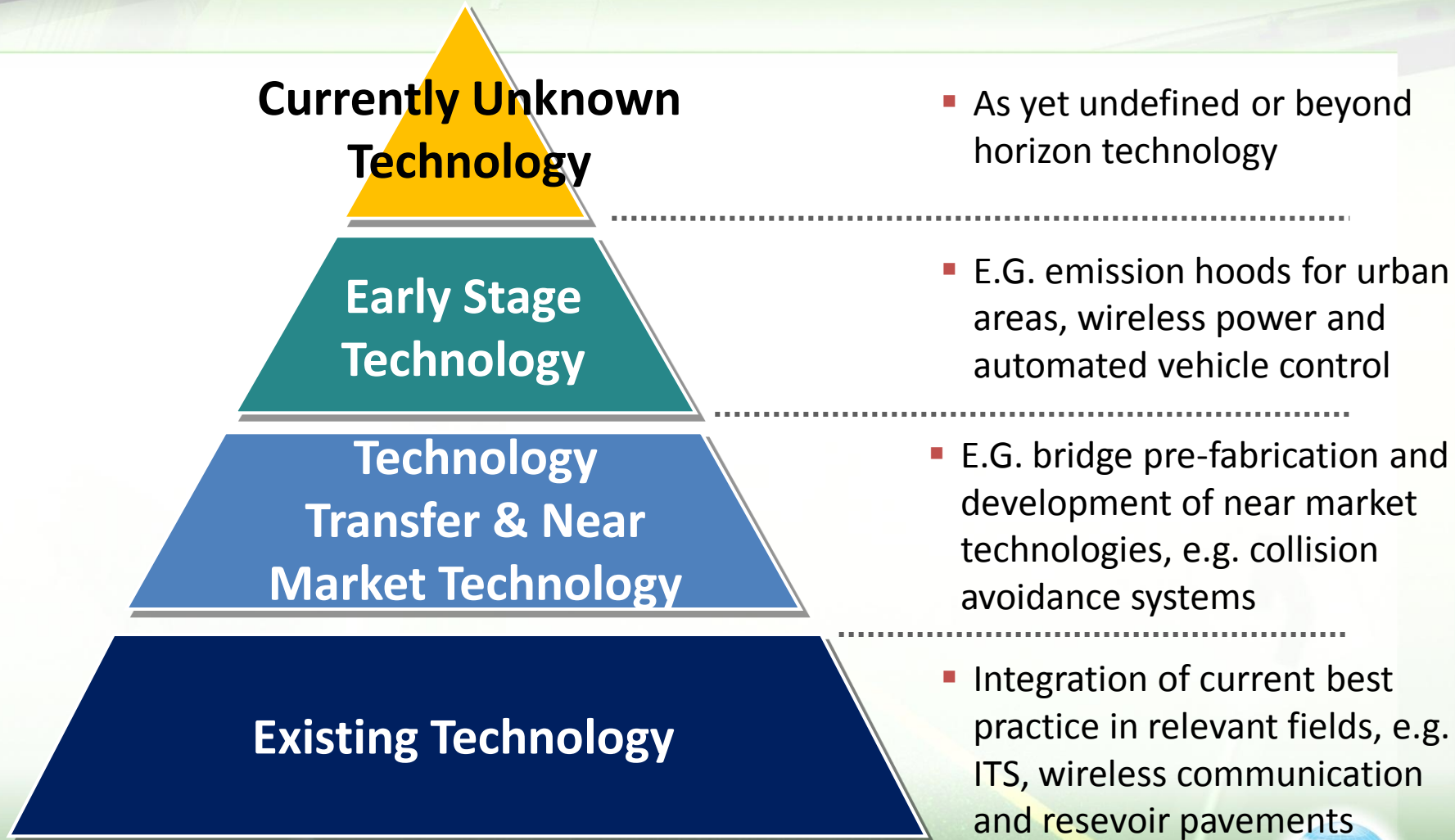


Research and Development Plan

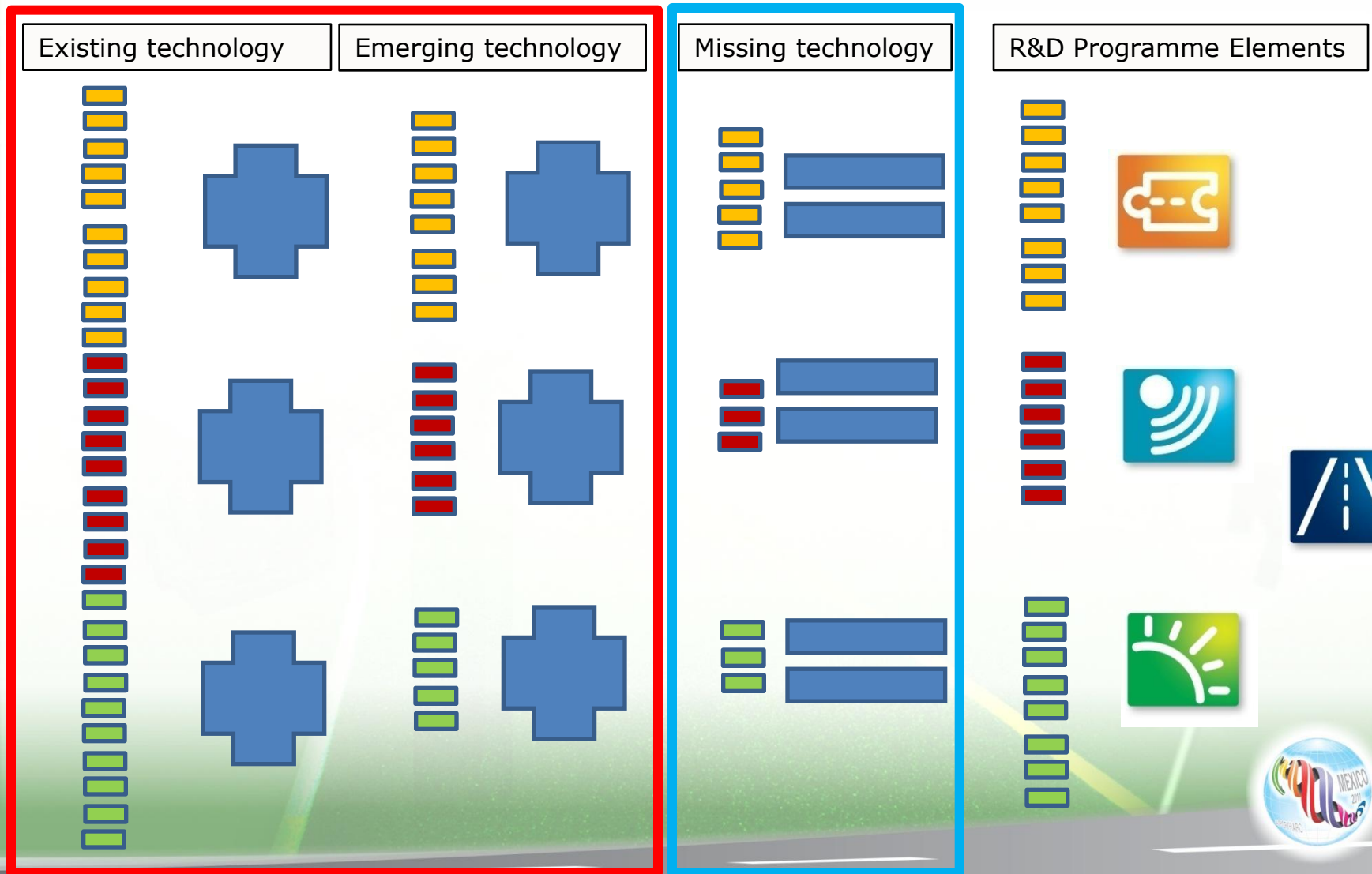
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Technology Identification



Building the R&D Programme






Deliverables

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What

- R&D plan identified a number of research priorities inc:
 -  Low noise
 -  Self cleaning / repairing
 -  ITS / sensor / communication technologies in general
- Technology Trials, starting from 2010, including:
 - Functional Structural Modules for Innovative Road Construction
 - Floor heating on bridge decks
 - Noise reduction through integrated resonators
- Technology Capture
 - FEHRL Research Coordinators
 - Other non FEHRL organisations , subject to minimum requirements

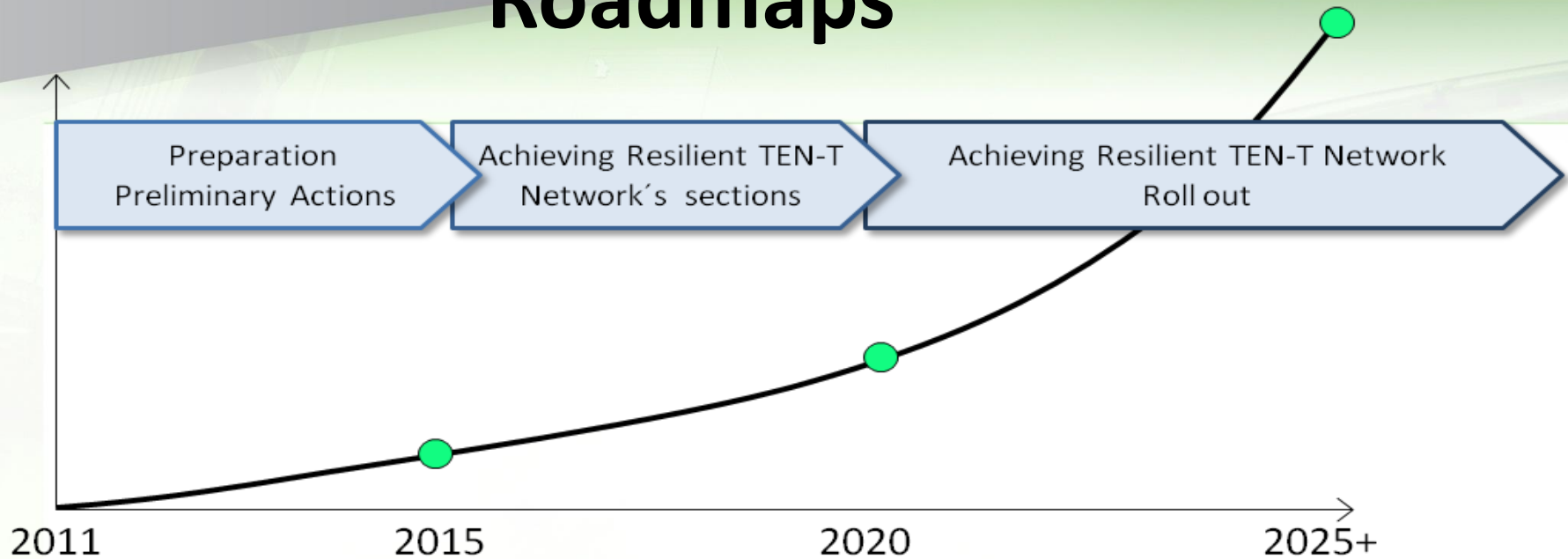


Roadmaps

- Three roadmaps developed
- Further define research priorities and timescale



Roadmaps



Milestone 1

- **Corridor**
3 European corridors selected, agreed and assessed on risks
- **Methodologies**
 - Risk Assessment TEN-T network developed
 - Adaption Measures identified
 - Adaption Strategies drafted
- **Technology**
Key Single Technologies proven in practice

Milestone 2

- **Corridor and Sub-System**
 - Implementation climate resilient technologies
 - Application of risk based methodologies
 - Modification of Adaption Strategies
- **Technology**
 - Corridor and Sub-System proven to be available under all weather conditions
 - 50% reduction of down time

Milestone 3

- **Roll out plans agreed:**
 - On regional/national scale
 - On EU scale (TEN-T)
- **Regulatory/legislative framework set on a European scale**

Deliverables

- **A Vision for the Future** – to provide the strategy for developing and improving our road network
- **Demonstration Projects** - to showcase integrated technologies in real road conditions
- **Knowledge Transfer** - to ensure dissemination of new ideas and prevent unnecessary duplication
- **Common European Standards** - that will enable the Forever Open Road principles to be deployed across Europe



The Future

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Future Programme

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 - 2020
Programme Development	Concept	Current	Review	Final	Field Trials	System Proving
Stakeholders			Key Transport Associations	European Technology Platforms		
Funding Bodies		Member States	EC (FP7)	EC (FP8)		

Opportunities to get involved

- Undertake Technology Trials
- Coordinate research activities with Forever Open Road programme
- Cooperate on Work Packages
- Membership of Technical Advisory Boards, Specific Scientific Boards.....



An aerial photograph of a multi-lane highway stretching into the distance. The road is flanked by green trees on the left and a grassy embankment on the right. A large white text box is positioned at the top of the image, and a semi-transparent grey box containing contact information is at the bottom. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

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