Advances in winter maintenance decision support in the Czech Republic

METIS, technology independent road weather information system

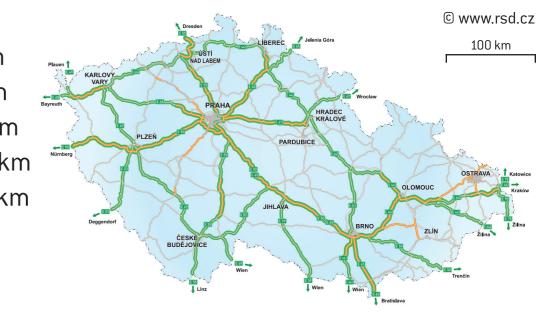


Weather information in transportation



Road network of Czechia

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Maintenance centres for class I roads	



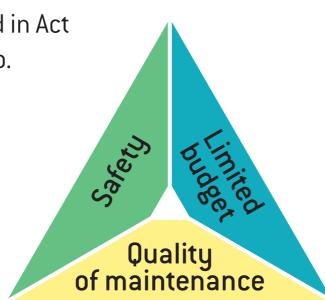
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Standardization of winter maintenance

The legislative framework for winter road maintenance is stipulated in Act No. 13/1997 Coll., on roads, and the Ministry of Transport Decree No. 104/1997 Coll., implementing above stated Act on roads.

New financial model is tested:

Old model – 6 EUR per km New model – monthly fee + 2 EUR per km



The operational plan is a fundamental document describing how the winter maintenance will look like in a specific area. It contains all the information about the dispatching centre, vehicles, key persons, the system of maintenance, available technologies, setting of maintenance circuits, etc.

Control measures to better know how the winter maintenance is done and who/where/when/why generates the deviations from standard.

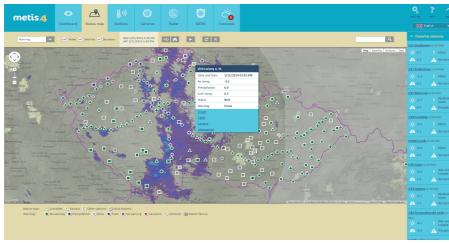
- GPS-based activity tracking of spreaders
- Weekly adequacy check using Winter maintenance index
- Occasional local inspections

Maintenance decision support

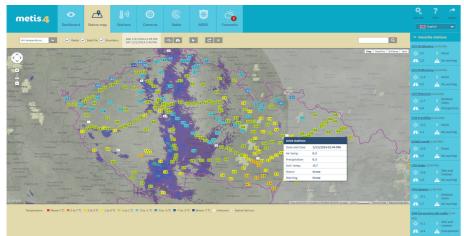
METIS is a nationwide road weather information system since 2003. It provides the dispatchers with the real time data from weather stations as well as with the road weather forecast (using SSWM model) and other weather information sources. In short future it will feature also a treatment recommendation module to fully support the decision making.

RWIS & Weather data and forecasts MDSS & Best available GPS tracking of vehicles

Interactive map of station warning



Interactive map of air temperature



List of favourite road weather stations

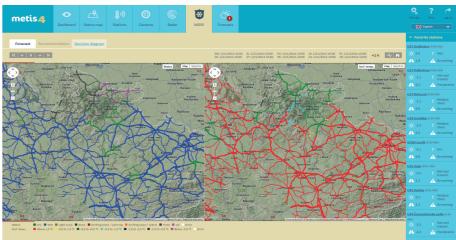
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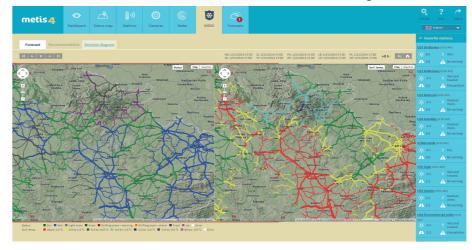


Winter maintenance decision support

Road surface forecast with SSWM hour by hour



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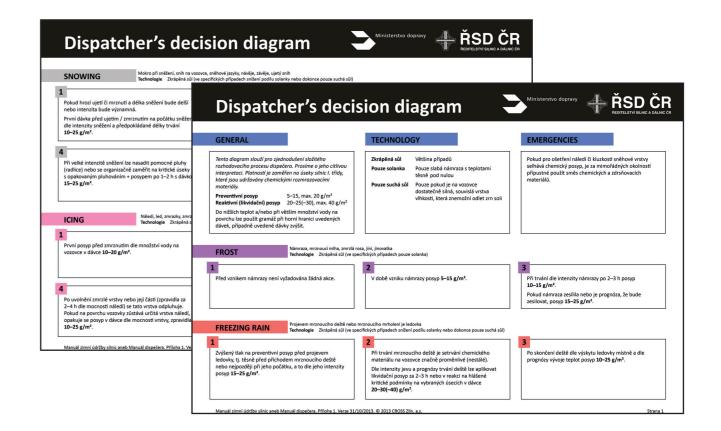


WM operators training

The dispatcher is a key person in the management of maintenance operations.

- Annual training:
- Basics of road meteorology
- Hazardous weather phenomena for winter road maintenance
- Road weather stations and data interpretation
- Interpretation of other weather information sources
- Winter maintenance manual
- Best available technologies
- Dispatcher's decision diagram





About the company

CROSS Zlín is a joint-stock company based in the Czech Republic. CROSS is proud to be technology company, offering wide range of products, components and turn-key solutions for road traffic since 1994.

- Road Weather and Winter Maintenance
- Traffic Control and Data Fusion
- Weigh-in-Motion

- Traffic Detection
- Parking Systems
- Payment Systems

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Key players in WM decision support

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We believe that through the assessment of the adequacy and usage of RWIS and MDSS systems it is possible to optimize the winter maintenance and reduce its overall costs while maintaining quality.



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