# Contracts

**General Introduction** 



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# ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

Traditional approach

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#### **Main characteristics**

- > Yearly contracts
  - Budget uncertainty
  - No optimization, no life-cycle approach
  - Limited contractor responsibility
- > Input-based contracts
  - Rather than performance- or output-based contracts

## INNOVATIVE CONTRACTS

Multi-year and/or performance-based contracts

#### **Lessons learned from FIDIC Gold Book**

FIDIC : Fédération Internationale des Ingénieurs-Conseils(International Federation of Consulting Engineers)« Rainbow » of contract forms : red, yellow, pink, silver...

Gold Book = « Design-Build-Operate » contract form; <u>not</u> recommended for maintenance contracts, but :

Two main issues to be considered :

- What is the structure of the industry?
- What are the guarantee schemes associated with the contract?

#### **Structure of the industry**

- > Level of competition
- > Developing countries
- > Managing the interfaces
- > What happens next? Retendering
- > Long-term sustainability and legal stability

#### **Guarantee schemes of the contract**

- > Performance bonds
- > Retention schemes
- > Definition and measure of performance
  - Innovation
  - Alternative proposals

# THE FRENCH CASE 3



> Level of competition

> Consultation with stakeholders

A good job for IDRRIM!

## CONCLUSION

- > Road authorities should consult with the industry :
  - > How can the construction industry help in promoting innovative contracts?
  - > Resp; how can innovative contracts help develop the construction industry?
  - Carefully assess technical and legal aspects of guarantee schemes associated with innovative contracts