

Better Public Transport for Europe Sustainability in the Urban Public Transport Market (SIPTRAM) European Workshop

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The International Association Centre, Brussels, Belgium



The SIPTRAM workshop will present the work and results of the SIPTRAM project, which started in November 2002 with the aim of encouraging local and regional authorities across Europe to improve the environmental and quality standards in urban public transport through the competitive tendering process. The workshop will focus on the key themes detailed below:

European Framework

The workshop will provide the latest information on European policy and legal framework for competitive tendering.

Good Practice

Research has been undertaken in Göteborg (Sweden), Helsinki (Finland), Dijon (France), Frankfurt/Oder, Bocholt, Frankfurt/Main and the Region of Hannover (Germany) on how they have improved environmental, quality standards and cost effectiveness in urban public transport through implementing or preparing for competitive tendering. The presentations will provide information for:

- authorities and operators who are designing contracts and tendering for the first time
- authorities who are interested in improving the social and environmental aspects of the awarding of contracts.



How much is your local authority paying for motorised car transport?

Work on analysing hidden subsidies for motorised private transport in Graz (Austria), Ferrara (Italy) and Genève (Switzerland) will be presented. Results show that authorities are heavily subsidising motorised private transport, as was the case in the German project carried out by ICLEI in 2001. Total subsidies range from EUR 80 to EUR 250 per inhabitant, with an average of about EUR 145. Details of the study will be presented at the workshop.



How can environmental and social specifications be applied in the tendering process?

To provide a link between local transport authorities from cities and other actors in the transport field a multi-stakeholder dialogue process was undertaken. The dialogue identified existing potentials to optimise the procedures of procurement, the environmental standards applied, the technological development of fleets and social criteria for public transport services which will be presented at the workshop.

Compare how your local transport authority or operator compares to others around Europe

A European survey to evaluate the environmental and quality standards in urban public transport was sent out in October 2004 and over 175 local authorities and transport operators responded covering 23 European countries. The purpose of the survey is to gather information from transport authorities on the use of public transport, vehicle fleet environmental standards, quality standards, social issues and public transport subsidies. The results of the survey will be made available at the workshop giving you an opportunity to compare the environmental and quality performance of your public transport authority / operator with over 175 others around Europe.



Logistical Information

Workshop Venue

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A location map of the venue can be found at <http://www.mai.be/>

Workshop Language

English

Registration

There is no charge to participate in the workshop, however you must register as places are limited. Registration forms are available at: www.increase-public-transport.net or contact Amalia Ochoa: e-mail: amalia.ochoa@iclei-europe.org or tel: +49-761/36892-0.

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