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8.30_ Registration and welcome coffee

9.15_ Welcome by Polis, Jörn Marx, presidency of Polis, and Stéphane Buffetaut, Veolia, President of the TEN section, European Economic and Social Committee (JDE 62)

9.45_ Opening Plenary Session (JDE 62)

Answering ambitious policy objectives, the Strategic Transport Technology Plan

Fotis Karamitsos, Director Innovative and Sustainable Mobility, European Commission DG MOVE

Roundtable discussion with the participation of Stéphane Buffetaut, Economic and Social Committee, Members of the European Parliament and representatives from European cities and regions

European research activities on urban and regional transport

Dr Andras Siegler, Director, European Commission DG RTD

The future of urban mobility

Patrick Oliva, Director Perspectives and Sustainable Development, Michelin

11.00_ Coffee Break

11.30_ **Parallel Sessions 1**

A. Looking to the future – the role of ICT to support seamless and sustainable travel

Take your card and leave your car!

Elio Catania, ATM, Milan

Are we all connected? The transport sector's quest for beneficial social media strategies

Daniel Kerpen, University of Kaiserslautern

The benefit of EGNOS in urban transport

Philippe Hamet, European Commission

Multimodal driving with car and public transport

Pim Grol and Bram Munnik, Fourtress/reisinformatiegroep 9292

B. Vulnerable road user needs and communication on road safety

Chair: *Raymond Hencks, European Economic and Social Committee*

Safer Mobility for Elderly Road Users) (SaMeRU)

Paul Mathieson, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Adrian Dean, Atkins

European safety urban motorcycling

Veneta Vassileva, ACEM

Educating our most vulnerable: teens and adolescents

Aisha Siahajja, Noord Brabant Province

ROSYPE: a unique road safety awareness campaign led by Michelin

Patrick Ozoux, Michelin

C. Roundtable – Supporting sustainable transport planning

In its white paper "Roadmap to a single European Transport Area", the European Commission has clearly shown support for sustainable urban mobility plans. This roundtable will provide concrete examples of mobility planning in Europe's urban areas. The question of the role of the European Commission to encourage sustainable urban mobility plans, and of the incentives which can be used for this purpose, will be discussed.

With the participation of the European Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee, representatives from cities and regions and key stakeholders, including Dávid Vitézy CEO, BKK (Centre for Budapest Transport), Jean-Christophe Monnet, STIF-Île de France, Dr Matthias Mohaupt, City of Dresden.

Following the session, a short summary document will be produced which will highlight the most important points brought up in the discussion.

Only participants who have received confirmation of their registration to the roundtable will be able to attend this session.



D. Integrating public transport in the urban mobility system

Chair: *Krzysztof Kamienecki, European Economic and Social Committee*

Changing a railway station into a multimodal and multifunctional transport node including coordinated city development – the case study of Linz

Roman Klementsitz, Institute for Transport Studies (Boku)

Integration of the Dresden tram system and its stopping points into different urban spaces

Axel Wittstock, City of Dresden

Back to the future! Trolleybuses – the smart solution for Europe's urban public transport

Johann Kogler, Salzburg AG for Energy, Transportation and Telecommunication

13.00_ Lunch

14.30_ **Parallel Sessions 2**

A. Innovative solutions for urban freight

Chair: *Stefan Back, European Economic and Social Committee*

The future for freight transport – is technological innovation necessary for increased efficiency? An investigation of the Irish freight sector

Eoin Farrell, National Transport Authority (Ireland)

Distribution systems – optimising sustainability

Soren Hylstrup Larsen, Eurocommerce

Cooperative systems: enabling beneficial freight partnerships

Nuno Rodrigues and Jaap Vreeswijk, Peek Traffic

B. Tools and methodologies to promote soft modes

Chair: Paul Curtis, London European Partnership for Transport

Reasons for the success of Dublin's bike scheme

Lord Mayor of Dublin Andrew Montague

Making Walking Count – an international benchmarking tool to measure local walking activity and community walkability to ensure cost effective investment

Bronwen Thornton, Walk 21

ICT applications for safe cycling in Europe

Marjolein de Jong, IMOB

EPCA Programme: the evaluation of pedestrian crossings from a safety perspective

Antida Aversa, Automobile Club Italia

C. Roundtable – ITS benefits and evaluation

Moderator: Michael Aherne, National Transport Authority (Ireland)

One of the barriers to ITS deployment is the lack of evidence on impacts and benefits in relation to policy. ITS is not systematically evaluated against the key transport policy objectives at local, national and European level. This lack of an evaluation culture (compounded by the absence of a common evaluation framework) makes it difficult for decision-makers to take informed decisions. This session will bring together ITS experts, practitioners and decision-makers to debate what actions can be taken to overcome this situation, building on the tools and methodologies that have already been developed in projects such as CONDUITS and 2DECIDE.

With the participation of Gerbrand Klijn, Noord Brabant Province; Pierre Schmitz, Brussels Capital Region; Pawel Stelmaszczyk, ITS Unit, European Commission, Martin Böhm, Austriatech; Richard Harris, ACS Inc; Dietrich Leihns, KapschTrafficCom

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D. Buses with a high level of service – Fundamental characteristics and recommendations for decision-making and research (COST TU 0603 action final event)

Location: JDE 62

Presentation of the analysis of 35 schemes of bus with a high level of services from across Europe.

Results will present barriers, lessons and recommendations for decision-makers. With the participation of the following speakers:

Chair: Brendan Finn, ETS Ltd

BHLS, a wide spectrum of solutions

François Rambaud (CERTU) and Arno Kerkhof (UITP)

Nantes, a new network concept

Sebastien Rabuel (Nantes Metropole)

Cambridge, the guided system, now open for business

Bob Menzies (Cambridgeshire transport)

COST BHLS: results and recommendations

Odile Heddebaut (IFSTTAR)

16.00_ Coffee Break

16.30_ Parallel Sessions 3

A. Improving the efficiency of urban goods distribution

Chair: Alberto Preti, Institute for Transport and Logistics

FILET: Integration of public transport facilities in the urban supply chain

Joël Danard & Xiaoning Yang, RATP

Urban Freight Distribution, the new Green Hub Concept in Arnhem/Nijmegen

Marcel Michon, Buck Consultants International

“Laboratory area” for innovative transport technologies and concepts for commercial transport in Berlin

Julius Menge, Berlin

SUGAR – promoting optimal transfer of good practice regarding urban goods distribution in EU cities

Isabel Mortetó and Simon Hayes, Barcelona Municipality

B. Bringing greater accessibility to enable social inclusion

Chair: Meelis Joost, European Economic and Social Committee

Strathclyde Passenger Transport: The role of IT in Virtual Fleets

Bruce Kiloh, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Bwcabus – Delivering a public transport revolution in rural Wales

Owen Clark, Wales Transport Research Centre

What to do when regular public transport can no longer be used?

Ricardo Poppeliers and Sebastiaan Witte, NEA

Planning for accessibility in a real world

Jo Baker, Mott MacDonald

C. Roundtable – Stakeholders cooperation for the deployment of electromobility

This roundtable will gather electromobility stakeholders, including OEMs, cities and regions, to discuss how the technological transition towards electromobility can support sustainable local transport policies, how the stakeholders can further intensify their cooperation to accelerate deployment, and what their expectations are from the EU.

With the participation of Marien Bakker, Agentschap NL; Jessica Dirks, DHV; Jeroen Kroonen, Noord Brabant Province; Sébastien Pant, Nissan Europe.

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D. Advanced public transport systems and services (COST TU 0603 action final event)

Location: JDE 62

Chair: Stéphane Buffetaut, Veolia, European Economic and Social Committee

World-wide trends in high-quality bus systems

Lloyd Wright, Asian Development Bank

Bus priority system and complementary tools to improve the bus network's overall level of service

Alexandre Blaquièrre, Tisséo-SMTC

European Bus System of the Future

Umberto Guida, UITP

Innovation in public transport from the perspective of the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF)

Sabine Trier, European Transport Workers Federation

18.00_ End of sessions

19.30_ Conference dinner – Restaurant La Manufacture, rue Notre-Dame-du-Sommeil 12-20, 1000 Brussels

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9.00_ Parallel Sessions 4

A. Optimising infrastructure maintenance, costs and safety

Chair: Steve Phillips, FEHRL

Flanders new road lighting scheme

Erik De Bisschop, Flemish region

N329 Road of the Future

Linda de Klein, Provincie Noord-Brabant

A new tool to monitor public transport stops, measure safety/security and prioritise upgrades

Tommaso Bonino, SRM Bologna Public Transport Authority

B. Parking as a tool to manage urban mobility

Chair: Gerhard Trost-Heutmekers, Secretary-general of the EPA

Interaction between parking policies and urban accessibility

Peter Martens, policy and strategy committee, EPA

Information and communication technologies applied to urban parking management in Lisbon

Tiago Farias, Lisbon Mobility and Parking Municipal Company

New Sofia Parking policy

Prof. Lucia Ilieva, CSDCS

Parking and Urban Mobility: an uneasy relationship?

Giuliano Mingardo, Erasmus University Rotterdam

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C. Roundtable – Why transport decisions make an impact on everyone's health, and what we can do about it?

Chair: Mark Frost, London Borough of Hounslow and LEPT

A roundtable discussion will highlight the important impacts that transport has on health, and what role local and regional authorities play in creating healthy urban environments. Specific emphasis will be placed on the role of active travel modes (walking and cycling) in improving citizens health, and how the built environment can help to promote active travel choices.

With the participation of **Natacha Grenier, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission; Francesca Racioppi, World Health Organization; Phil Insall, Sustrans; Michael Meschik, BOKU.**

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D. Raising quality in public transport

Chair: Alexandre Blaquièrre, Tisséo-SMTC

ENERQI Let the public transport customer be the judge!

Patrick van Egmond & Johan Janse, DTV Consultants

Benchmarking customer reviews in the Netherlands gives incentives to improve the quality of public transport

Wim van Tilburg and Gerard van Kesteren, KpW

Boosting Advanced Public Transport Systems in Northwest Europe

Olaf Lewald, City of Bielefeld, Germany

BEST: The future of benchmarking in public transport?

Antti Vuorela & Kjetil Vrenne, Helsinki Region Transport

11.00_ Coffee break

11.30_ Closing plenary session (room JDE 62)

Roundtable "Integrating transport in the urban management of the future intelligent city"

With the participation of Professor Margaret Bell, Newcastle University, Dr Hendrik Ammoser, TÜV Rheinland Group and representatives of European cities and regions

Urban and regional mobility in the European transport policy

Keir Fitch, Deputy Head of Cabinet of Vice-President Kallas, European Commissioner for transport

12.40_ Presentation of the Eltis Award

12.50_ Closing words by the Polis presidency and the European and Economic Social Committee

13.00_ End of the conference

14.15_ Polis annual general assembly (for Polis members only)

17.00_ End of Polis annual general assembly

