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coaches,
a smart move
for our future!



//EU PUBLIC-PRIVATE HIGH
LEVEL GROUP « SMART MOVE »



/Brussels, 12 July 2012

//TOPIC 1: INTERCITY AND LONG-DISTANCE REGULAR LINES BY BUS AND COACH

// Adoption of the provisional agenda

**// Overall presentation of the
draft working paper**

**// Presentation of comments
received from other
stakeholders**

**// Item by item debate on
the draft working paper and
next steps**

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/ /Each topic to be discussed according to the following scheme:

- Collective passenger transport for growth, competitiveness and social inclusion (vision);
- Users' needs
- Legislative and administrative frameworks;
- Fiscal matters and user charging;
- Infrastructure and seamless intermodality;
- Easy access to services, information and new technologies
- Safety and environment;
- City-related aspects;
- International dimension;
- Innovation and best practices;

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//Users' needs

- New EU passenger rights in bus and coach transport (in force as of 1 March 2013);
- Platform for a regular dialogue between representative business and customers' organisations, to exchange experience, launch joint initiatives, and make joint proposals;
- Accessible multimodal & bus and coach infrastructure via TENs funds;
- Passenger traveller-friendly terminals (focusing on passengers' needs when planning, designing and building terminals throughout the mobility/travel chain);
- Training programmes and raising awareness initiatives for both customers, managers, drivers and partners;
- Industry voluntary initiatives/commitments to improve quality of services to customers;
- Study on how elderly people use coach services in Europe;
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//Legislative and administrative frameworks

- Bus and coach specificity when devising/amending (social, driving and rest time) legislation and maintain the exemption from EU rules for regular services on short routes;
- Competition-neutral and transparent access to terminal infrastructures, including of other modes;
- Statistics on long-distance bus and coach transport, to base policy and business decisions on facts (study, regulation?);
- Maximum authorised weight for two-axle coaches in international traffic raised to at least 19.5 tonnes;
- Member States' treatment of coach and rail services and complementarities;
- EU framework for traffic restrictions and Low Emission Zones (LEZs) in Europe;
- Freedom of cabotage in international regular lines within the EU;
- Administrative and control documents and digitalisation of controls;
- Checks at terminals rather than on the road side;
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//Infrastructure and seamless intermodality

- High speed bus and coach infrastructure (corridors), without low speed limits nor bans from motorway lanes;
- Bus and coach terminals in the trans-European Network (TENs) and EU financial support;
- European network of high quality bus and coach terminal infrastructures (EU study, in particular for people with disabilities and reduced mobility; European website with a list of coach stations in Europe, their facilities and connections);
- Optimal access to other modes' terminals to ensure intermodality;
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//Easy access to services through better information and new technologies

- Integration of bus and coach travel in future EU multimodal journey planners;
- Intermodality in terms of information, access to other modes, safety, help and services to customers;
- Global ticket and travel information systems, such as Amadeus, Google etc. & bus and coach travel;
- Bus and coach SMEs catching up the information and technology gap;
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//Safety and Environment

- Voluntary industry bus and coach safety programme, with recommendations to industry, manufacturers and policy decision-makers;
- Concept of a safe, green and customer-friendly coach of the future;
- Voluntary safety and green audit systems for bus and coach SMEs;
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//City-related topics

- Intermodal terminal platforms (most journeys start and end in cities);
- European (urban and interurban) Express/Rapid Bus Transport support scheme;
- Dedicated bus lines in cities and between cities and their use by visiting coaches (scheduled and occasional);
- EU framework for traffic restrictions and Low Emission Zones (LEZs) in Europe;
- Buses and coaches and their infrastructure, including for long-distance transport, as an integral part of any future urban mobility planning;
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//International dimension

- International agreement to facilitate regular bus and coach lines, controls and procedures, and to harmonise conditions of competition;
- Controls at external borders
- Controls at internal/Schengen borders;
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//Innovation and Best practices

- Bus Rapid Transit;
- “Bus of the future” and “coach of the future” (long-term concept);
- Passenger-traveller-friendly terminals (focusing on passengers’ needs when planning, designing and building terminals throughout the mobility/travel chain);
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//Presentation of the HLG webpage & communications activities



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- safe
- user-friendly
- green
- efficient
- affordable

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- European Parliament
- European Economic and Social Committee (ECOSOC)
- Committee of the Regions (COR)

partners

- European Passenger Federation (EPF)
- European Cities and Regions Networking for Innovative Transport Solutions (POLIS)

industry

- Fédération Belge des exploitants d'Autobus et d'Autocars et des Organisateurs de Voyages (FBAA)
- Fédération Nationale des Transports de Voyageurs (FNTV)
- Svenska Bussbranschens Riksförbund (BR)
- Koninklijk Nederlands Vervoer
- Eurolines
- European Passenger Transport Operators (EPTO)

our goals

The Smart Move High Level Group (HLG) was born on 29 February 2012, at the 2nd IRU/EU Road Transport Conference on "Efficient solutions for making road transport greener" held in Brussels. It aims to strengthen cooperation between all relevant public and private EU stakeholders to determine the appropriate actions to effectively double collective passenger transport by bus and coach and achieve rapid and sustainable growth in the EU.

To achieve this goal, the HLG will meet every three months over one year (2012-13) to deliver policy and business recommendation and best practices on the use of collective passenger transport by road, with an Action Plan with recommended deadlines for the period 2013/2015-2030.

better transport policies for better mobility behaviours



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Members


The Smart Move High Level Group is composed of representatives of the EU institutions, businessmen, representative trade associations, researchers and stakeholders from civil society. It consists of maximum 10-15 members, with a possibility to invite, in addition, specific stakeholders for specific topics.

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/Miscellaneous

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//Easy access to services through better information and new technologies

- 27 September 2012, Group Tourism by coach, IRU premises
- 6 December 2012, Urban mobility and commuting, including taxis, IRU premises
- 21 or 28 February 2013, IRU premises (date t.b.c.)
- Concluding public workshop & public debate: second half of May 2013 (t.b.d.), possibly in an EU institution building
- Handing over HLG final report to EU officials (within 2-4 months after concluding workshop)

**doubling the
use of collective
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