

↑ CAPRICE project

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Public transport in today's Europe



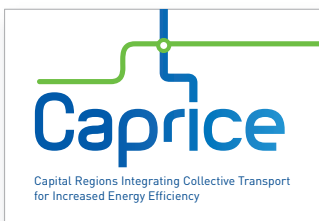
All over Europe the public passenger transport business is in transition. Central and Eastern European Countries currently carry out big efforts to modernise their transport systems with large investments in modern infrastructure and rolling stock. All over Europe, cities and regions are working on enlarging the efficiency of public transport.

A big challenge for the next years is to offer integrated services to the passenger e.g. by harmonising tariff structures, offering connected services between different modes of transport, and by implementing efficient green technologies.

In the CAPRICE project, public transport authorities from five capital regions in Europe come together to exchange experiences in the field of integrated passenger transport.

First exchanges between the participants already show that all partners more or less have common challenges to tackle within the next years and good solutions to be found by exchanging experiences. Easy access to public transport all over Europe is an important aim and the CAPRICE project wants to develop further steps to implement this aim in European capital regions.

What is CAPRICE project about?



The co-funded INTERREG IVC CAPRICE Project (CAPital Regions Integrating Collective transport for increased energy Efficiency) was approved by the European Union in September 2008.

This project lasts until mid-2011 and enables 5 partners from all over Europe (VBB-Berlin, ZTM-Warsaw, MESP-Vilnius, PMB-Bucharest and STIF-Paris) to work together and exchange best practices.

The objective of CAPRICE is to exchange experiences between public transport authorities (PTAs), regional and local authorities, and public transport operators.

Along with a transfer of knowledge between European capital regions, CAPRICE will identify and promote good practices and realize a pilot implementation in the regions where the setting up of new public authorities or similar solutions integrating public transport services is planned.

While in some of the participating regions PTAs have already been existing and working successfully for several years (Paris, Berlin), the setting up of new PTAs is foreseen in other regions (Bucharest, Warsaw, Vilnius) in the future.



Moreover, good practice examples will also be obtained from the project partners, especially in different fields such as:

- legal framework, financing and modes of organization,
- implementation and operation of low consumption vehicle fleets on new propulsion technologies,
- demand driven flexible transport services,
- travel information services,
- advanced ticketing solutions, etc.

In a series of thematically focussed workshops, CAPRICE partners will exchange experiences on these issues. On this base, the CAPRICE partners intend to develop and describe common strategies and steps towards the implementation of an integrated and sustainable transport management in the participating capital regions. They will also provide policy recommendations towards road transport authorities on integrated seamless passenger information services to stimulate the use of public transport and non-motorised modes of transport and thus encourage their effective integration into urban mobility management schemes.

Kick-off meeting of the CAPRICE project group



On 18 February 2009, the CAPRICE project started with a kick-off meeting in the town hall of Berlin. The aim of the meeting was that all project partners get to know each other and to manage first formalities of the project as to discuss and plan the project's contents and timetable.

The project partners from the different metropolis introduced their organisations, their tasks in day-to-day work, and their expectations from the project.

This served for preparing the content-related workshops of 2009 which are held in Vilnius in June, in Warsaw in September, and in Bucharest in November.

STIF, the project partner from Paris, takes over the communication and the dissemination of the project. A first small scale implementation as part of "exchange of experience" between Warsaw and Berlin was agreed on as well.



European events & meetings

At VBB Verkehrsverbund Berlin-Brandenburg, an international workshop about pricing policy in public transport takes place on 14 October 2009. For further information, please contact Mrs Elke Krokowski at krokowski@vbbonline.de.

The 2009 Autumn EMTA General Meeting takes place in Warsaw on 5 and 6 November, at the kind invitation of Zarząd Transportu Miejskiego which is the Transport Authority of Warsaw. For further information, please contact Mrs. Sabine AVRIL at sabine.avril@emta.com.