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# PRESS RELEASE POWER TO THE PASSENGER WITH IP4MAAS: UITP COORDINATES NEW RESEARCH PROJECT



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## When talking about fighting private car-ownership, the topic of Mobility as a Service (MaaS) is likely to enter the conversation.

With our cities and urban lives constantly evolving, so do our movement patterns and behaviours along with them - like many other services, people expect mobility services to be based on their needs.

By integrating **a wide range of options to ensure a hassle-free journey**, UITP recognises the **essential role MaaS can play** in ensuring a mobility system that is **sustainable**, **inclusive**, **and comfortable**.

UITP is pleased to announce the launch of the <u>new EU-project IP4MaaS.</u>

Coordinated by UITP, IP4MaaS seeks to **advance the uptake of MaaS schemes** by the **analysis and testing of available MaaS technologies** that have been developed by other EU-projects, such as a ticket booking system, or a journey planner.

IP4MaaS is part of the Shift2Rail JU, an initiative **aiming to develop one application for the European market that combines all modes and enables passengers to buy one ticket** for their entire journey, even when using different transport modes.

The project will work closely together with other Shift2Rail initiatives, such as **COHESIVE**, **CONNECTIVE** and **MaaSive**, as it will test the technologies developed in these projects.

"The implementation of MaaS advantages all the stakeholders in the mobility sector. For the user, it brings a complete and easy way to move from A to B. For cities, it helps to shape travel behaviour towards more sustainable modes. And for operators, it brings more customers and, consequently, higher revenues."

### Umberto Guida Senior Director of Knowledge and Innovation UITP

IP4MaaS can be considered as **the successor of another Shift2Rail project**, **called Shift2MaaS** - also coordinated by UITP and launched in early 2019.

Coming to a completion soon, Shift2MaaS is passing on the baton to IP4MaaS, that will **test newer technologies available**.

IP4MaaS' concepts and solutions will be tested in **six different demonstration sites in Barcelona**, **Athens**, **Warsaw (with three more locations to come!)** The project counts **26 partners from all across Europe** and will run until June 2023.

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