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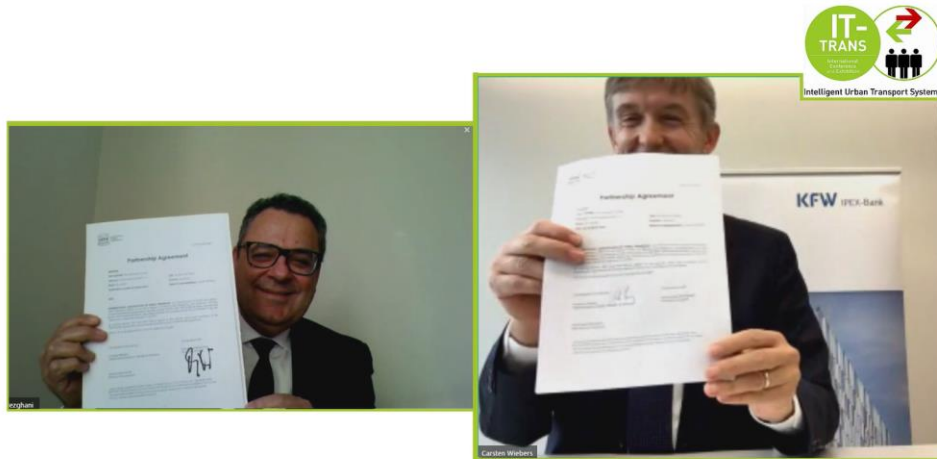
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## UNITED IN PURPOSE:

### UITP AND KfW IPEX-BANK EXTEND THEIR PARTNERSHIP



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**UITP has always placed great importance on collaborating with external partners to bring a new approach to moving public transport forward.**

Building on our existing relationship, **UITP and the German bank KfW IPEX-Bank** have extended their partnership to **advance urban mobility around the world.**

During the coronavirus pandemic we've witnessed **the development of digitalisation**, bringing us new ways to **connect and share** as COVID-19 keeps us at a distance.

**...And reflecting on these times, this is a partnership with a digital approach.**

Our agreement will see UITP and KfW IPEX-Bank **partner across digital platforms** through UITP-organised webinars and see the bank become **an official partner of MyLibrary**, UITP's digital information hub.

*"KfW IPEX-Bank, like UITP, is an advocate of public transport and sustainable mobility. We share the same values, and we both put the focus on knowledge and capacity building. So, it is logical that we partner to support knowledge sharing and dissemination on urban mobility."*

**Mohamed Mezghani**  
UITP Secretary General\*

At the very front of e-library technology, **MyLibrary is an extensive online database** which features 22,000 references (and 60,000 full text documents), allowing UITP members to **access the very latest studies, reports and technical data** concerning every aspect of the public transport sector.

Webinars have gained **a new prevalence across sectors** during the COVID-19 pandemic, as **the virtual world has become our new gathering place in 2020**. UITP will continue to produce webinar content as we move forward, building on our great success of coronavirus-themed productions.

*"For us, UITP is a community which is united in purpose. It promotes and develops a diversity of approaches to support urban public transport. We enjoy being a member of this community!"*

**Carsten Wiebers**

**Global Head of Aviation, Mobility & Transport**

**KfW IPEX-Bank**

We aim to inspire **excellence and innovation** by sharing **cutting-edge knowledge and expertise** to the public transport and sustainable urban mobility community.

Although we cannot be together in person to sign our new partnership agreement with KfW IPEX-Bank, we knew that we had to **make this signing a special moment...**

And what better platform **to digitally sign than at IT-TRANS** – our pillar event dedicated to the development of I.T. and digitalisation in public transport.

Our Secretary General **Mohamed Mezghani** and Global Head of Aviation, Mobility and Transport at KfW IPEX-Bank, **Carsten Wiebers**, took part in **a virtual signing ceremony: [you can watch the signing ceremony here!](#)**

This is a special partnership for both UITP and KfW IPEX-Bank and we know that moving forward our collaboration will see **public transport advance to the benefit of all**.

You can view what upcoming webinars are planned on [our dedicated Events page](#).

*\*Acting on behalf of Mohamed Mezghani SARL*

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