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SAFE AND INNOVATIVE CITIES: INTRODUCING THE PREVENT PCP PROJECT

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The topic of security is critical for public transport operations as operators and authorities work to win back the trust of passengers

The **threat of terrorist attacks is an important discussion** point globally and much has changed and developed within the public transport sector with **solutions to predict and prevent terrorist attacks** from taking place.

UITP has been involved in such research and development, firstly with the successful project, **PREVENT**, and now with its successor, **PREVENT PCP** (**PR**ocur**E**ments of inno**V**ativ**E**, adva**N**ced systems to support security in public **T**ransport - Pre-Commercial Procurement).

PREVENT PCP is a research project, **funded by the European Commission's H2020 programme,** aiming to **improve security in public transport** with the use of technical solutions.

During the first PREVENT project, UITP worked with **a range of public transport security stakeholders** who identified **the common goal for preventing attacks and avoiding disruptions** for passengers:

- Automatic and timely detection of potentially dangerous unattended items in or around public transport and its infrastructure.
- Identify and track the perpetrators.
- Advanced crisis management system.

For these technological solutions to be sustainable, they should **be developed in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders** to ensure they meet public needs.

"One of the strengths of this project is the range of actors involved. Most importantly, we have the public buyers group which is made up of operators and authorities, who are providing the financial commitments so that we can develop the innovations. We also have law and enforcement agencies, technical advisors, legal advisors, social advisors, contracts and practitioners' community leaders. Each of these actors will really help to advance the project with their expertise."
Anne Mordret
PREVENT PCP Project Manager and UITP Security Committee Manager

PREVENT PCP will be using **pre-commercial procurement, a form of innovative procurement, to develop and prototype the solutions in three stages**: Design, integration and technical verification, validation in real-time environment.

This will be led by public procurers with **the support of security stakeholders** to offer their guidance and perspective.

UITP's dedicated Security Committee will lead our work on this project, working alongside all relevant partners and stakeholders.

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