



UITP-DG REGIO POLICY WORKSHOP

LOCAL CROSS-BORDER PUBLIC TRANSPORT: SERVICES – OBSTACLES – FUNDING

2 FEBRUARY 2023, 1000-1200 CET

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date: Thursday 2 February 2022

Time: 1000-1200 CET

Location: Virtual event (Teams platform)

Language: English (no interpretation available)

Format: Policy workshop

Context: With about 30% of the EU population living across internal border regions, cross-border public transport (CBPT) services provide important sustainable mobility solutions and facilitate cross-border activities central to the overall development of border regions. A new 2022 study published by DG REGIO has offered an inventory of cross-border public transport services and identified the obstacles to cross-border public transport provision. Moreover, the study presented a set of 31 case studies detailing selected cross-border public transport services as well as a toolbox indicating possible ways forward to overcome obstacles.

In order to actively support members and stakeholders interested in elaborating a robust and achievable sustainable mobility provisions across cross-border regions, UITP and DG REGIO are organizing a policy workshop where the latest information exchange between key relevant stakeholders will be central. Based on the inputs from DG REGIO, UITP and public transport operators and authorities active in CBPT service provision, we will zero in on the latest state of play behind opportunities, challenges as well as funding available for local CBPT services

UITP and DG REGIO wish to invite all institutions, organisations and companies directly or indirectly involved in CBPT to join us at the workshop and discuss the growing potential of local cross-border mobility in shaping the future of sustainable mobility in Europe.

AGENDA

Kick-off & moderation (10')

- **(Ms) Minna SOININEN**, Chair, European Union Committee, UITP

Welcome address (10')

- **(Mr) Slawomir TOKARSKI**, Director, Directorate D, European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-regions, Interreg and Programmes Implementation, European Commission

SLIDO Q#1 What are the main obstacles to successfully operate CBPT services?

Scene-setter – DG REGIO study on CBPT: Mapping of existing services and legal obstacles (25')

- **(Mr) Carsten SCHÜRMAN**, Managing Director, TCP International, Germany, DG REGIO research contractor

SLIDO Q#2 What would we need from the EU institutions to improve CBPT traffic?

Discussion panel – CBPT: Operational and local perspectives (40')

- **(Ms) Ilona OTT**, Head of Relations Italy, Passenger Division, BLS Bern, Switzerland
- **(Mr) Ove SKOVDAHL**, International Affairs Coordinator, Norwegian Railway Directorate, Norway
- **(Mr) Ulf WIKSTRÖM**, University of Applied sciences, Finland

Q&A with speakers and audience (25')

Wrap-up (10')

- **(Mr) Ricardo FERREIRA**, Coordinator, Border Focal Point, DG REGIO, European Commission
- **(Ms) Minna SOININEN**, Chair, European Union Committee, UITP