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## SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FOR ALL: UITP MEMBERS DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE MOBILITY



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### ***UITP MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS PLEDGE TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR EVERYONE***

Public transport and shared mobility should guarantee every person the mobility they need to live their life – and UITP and its members are pledging to provide accessible transport for everyone with the advancement of the Lecco Declaration.

From work and leisure, to visiting family and reaching medical care, public transport needs to be accessible to all.

As part of the [TRIPS Project](#) (TRansport Innovation for Persons with disabilities needs Satisfaction), the '[Lecco Declaration on Accessible and Inclusive Transport](#)' outlines eight key principles that organisations can use to guide them in developing accessible and safe public transport for all, building on the advancements in universal design and accessible technologies.

Public transport organisations have been invited to sign the declaration and to act according to these principles, supported by specific Memorandums of Understandings and Action Plans at national, regional or local levels.

UITP is delighted to see even more members of our association make the dedication towards providing transport services for all users, welcoming on board:

**Alstom**  
**ATM Milan**  
**BKK (Centre for Budapest Transport)**  
**Carris, Lisbon**  
**EMT, Madrid**  
**Factual Consulting**  
**Hamburger Hochbahn**  
**Mpact, Belgium**  
**SRM, Bologna**  
**TMB, Barcelona**

The ambition of the TRIPS project is to take practical steps to address and pre-empt discrimination of all citizens, by removing barriers and challenges within urban transport.

By ratifying the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the EU and all Member States are committed to respect the rights of people with disabilities, including the right to mobility and independent living.

### ***From pilot project to long-term commitment for collaboration***

Many UITP members are making impressive inroads in advancing access to public transport across the globe.

Carris, a public transport operator in Lisbon, developed a co-design methodology with users with disabilities and access needs as part of the TRIPS project.

With 76% of the fleet equipped for persons with reduced mobility and a dedicated on-demand service for persons with disabilities, the operator wanted to further understand the needs of these users.

Following the success of the co-creation pilots, Carris signed the Declaration for their long-term commitment to improving transport services in Lisbon for those with reduced mobility.

*“A system that is not fit for all is simply not fit for purpose. There is a lot to overcome but we hope to work together with the other signatories of the declaration. We need to work on solutions together with the whole transport ecosystem.”*

**Maria Albuquerque, Vice President at Carris**

‘Information without barriers’ is the new platform by ATM Milan, providing real-time information on the accessibility status of Milan’s metro network. A further step towards making public transport accessible to everyone, the new service provides information on the operation of lifts and stairlifts on the five metro lines. Information is available via their website and app, and users can directly signal when they are experiencing issues.

Accessibility is an extremely important topic for the public transport sector, and the Lecco Declaration shows the commitment of transport authorities, operators, mobility service and technology providers, industry, researchers and users to work together to advance access for all.

## [Read the Lecco Declaration in full](#)

[Hear from our members and see their content on developing accessibility](#)

### **FOR EDITORS**

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