Investing into decarbonisation and modernisation of public transport

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External COTER commission conference on
Investing into decarbonisation and modernisation of public transport

Moderator: Jiří Janoš, Institute of Planning and Development (City of Prague)

08.45 Registration of participants

09.15 Welcome note Zdeněk Hřib, Mayor of Prague

09.25 Opening speech Nathalie Sarrabezolles, Chair – COTER commission

09.35 CZ Council Presidency Radim Sršeň, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Regional Development

09.45 Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan for Prague metropolitan area

09.45 Václav Novotný, IPD (Institute of Planning and Development)

A case study of how Prague’s metropolitan area SUMP was drafted while accommodating participation of the public and experts from the Prague and Central Bohemia Region – “Tune up Prague project”.

10.10 Jan Barchánek, PPT (Prague Public Transport company)

The case study on the new project of trolley line from Palmovka metro station to Miškovice. A new technology when only part of the trajectory is covered by trolleys is tested in the hilly parts of Prague since 2019 and will be used in future to provide emissions free public transport from the Vaclav Havel airport to the city.

10.30 Coffee break
10.45 EU round table: financing of the transport modernisation and decarbonisation projects from the EU programme and sources

Zdeněk Hřib, Mayor of Prague
Patrick Child, Deputy Director General of DG Environment & EU mission manager for Climate-neutral and Smart Cities

Discussion with representatives of the CZ Council Presidency and other European Institutions: As the projects aiming at reducing GHG emissions in the public transport are quite expensive, we will elaborate on the funding possibilities that EU regions and municipalities have. We will identify possible bottlenecks and come up with recommendations for direct access to EU funding.

11.30 Case study – best example from EU regions

Round table on case studies followed by an overview of the findings of a recent urban mobility study contracted by the CoR: Aurélie Louguet, Managing consultant, Regions, cities & infrastructure, Ramboll.

Linda Gaasch (LU/Greens), Bringing the tram back to the city of Luxembourg
Emil Boc (RO/EPP), Public transport decarbonisation projects in Cluj-Napoca
José Manuel Ribeiro (PT/PES), Public transport in the Metropolitan Area of Porto

12.15 Closing remarks - end of the conference

12.30 Lunch break

13.30 Study trips:
Cyklodepo at Florenc
Tram line Barrandov – Holyně – Slivenec
Electro buses
Walking excursion in the Prague historical centre
Prague Municipal Services
Workshop on the new urban mobility framework and the European Mobility Atlas

19.00 Official dinner, hosted by the Mayor of Prague and the Czech Presidency of the EU
Vrtovská zahrada, Karmelitská 25, 118 00 Malá Strana, Praha
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