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Brussels

New strategies for public transport

Workshop on the EU-funded project BAPTS in Brussels

How to make more people use public transport? This question is at the heart of the EU-funded project 'Boosting Advanced Public Transport Systems' (BAPTS) which will be showcased at the European week of the cities and regions, also known as the OPEN DAYS.

These OPEN DAYS will be held for the eighth time in Brussels between 4th and 7th October 2010. It is organized by the European Commission and the Committee of the Regions. Under the motto 'Europe 2020: Competitiveness, co-operation and cohesion for all regions' some 130 seminars and workshops shall allow an in-depth view into regional best practice and present results from regional development programs across Europe.

The BAPTS workshop is taking place on the afternoon of Wednesday 6th October, and is being hosted by the regional representation of the German federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia. The event will be attended by representatives of the project's partner regions, public transport experts/associated institutions and the director of the INTERREG program for Northwest-Europe.

Within the framework of the project, nine partners from six northwest European countries are working together transnationally to develop innovative solutions for making public transport in cities and regions more attractive, safe, reliable and environmentally friendly. Project partners include the city of Bielefeld (lead partner) and the Frankfurt/Rhein-Main-Verkehrsverbund (transport authority) in Germany, the cities of Darlington and Southend-on-Sea in the United Kingdom, Eindhoven in the Netherlands, the metropolitan regions of Lille and Nantes in France and the National Transport Authority (located in Dublin) in Ireland.

The four year's project has a total budget of more than 15m Euro. 50% of which are co-funded by European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) through the INTERREG IVB program for Northwest Europe.

More information can be obtained from the internet on www.opendays.europa.eu or on the project's website on www.bapts.eu.

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