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European 'COMPASS' multi-modal transport project launched

After an initial meeting in November 2011, the European COMPASS Project (optimized CO-Modal PASSEnger transport for reducing Carbon emissions) has now been launched. Co-funded by the European Commission's Seventh Framework Program, the project will recommend solutions that will allow improvements to the planning and operation of the passenger transport network, in order to enhance co-modality in transport that will contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions. COMPASS aims to provide an overall picture of what travelers require from the transport system, both now and in the future, based on an investigation of the key socio-economic trends. The project will analyze how ICT (Information and Computer Technology) and ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems) applications can meet the future demands identified, favoring the integration of multi-modal transport solutions, and will assess how these solutions can contribute to the de-carbonization of transport activities.

COMPASS will look at the existing information available on passenger journeys in Europe, drawing extensively on work that has been undertaken in previous European-funded projects. Existing sources of information and data will be used to identify and describe the key trends in mobility patterns in the 21st century, based on current and future passenger needs. Existing sources of travel survey data will be exhaustively researched, with a particular focus on the role of ICT in data collection and management, and recommendations will be made on improving data collection in passenger transport to meet future needs. The 25 months project is being co-ordinated by the Transport Research Institute (TRI) at Edinburgh Napier University and involves eight other partners: Istituto di Studi per l'Integrazione dei Sistemi (ISIS); the Institute for Transport Studies at the University of Leeds; Mcrit S.L.; MKmetric Gesellschaft für Systemplanung mbH; TRT Trasporti e Territorio; TTS Italia (Italian ITS Association); Technical University of Vienna (TU Wien); Uniwersytet Gdanski in Poland.



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