

EMTA, European Metropolitan Transport Authorities association, represents authorities responsible for organizing, planning and financing the public transport networks in the main urban areas across Europe. It gathers more than thirty members in seventeen European countries and a partner institution in Canada. EMTA's network caters for the daily transport of one hundred million European citizens.

Public transport authorities at local level play a key role in confronting the challenge of ensuring the best public transport systems to support economic growth of the cities and regions while improving the quality of life of its residents. They have to develop new strategies to better meet the mobility needs of evolving metropolitan areas, while ensuring more energy-efficient transport systems.

Founded in 1998 at the initiative of STIF (Syndicat des Transports d'Ile de France) as a forum for exchange of information and dissemination of good practices, EMTA has built an increasing common knowledge widely recognized at European level and beyond.

In the past years, the association has also regularly voiced the position of its members to the European institutions and notably participated in the process of the Green Paper consultation on Urban Mobility in taking part in the series of hearings of stakeholders organized by European Commission DG-TREN.

To celebrate ten years of activity, EMTA holds a conference on 27 November afternoon 14:30 to 18:30 in Paris at the Conseil Régional d'Ile de France 57 rue de Babylone 75007 Paris.

The draft program of the conference is the following:

14:30 Welcome: Jean-Paul Huchon President of Region Ile-de-France President of STIF

- 14:45 Introduction: Hannu Penttilä President of EMTA former CEO of YTV and since January 2008 Deputy mayor of Helsinki city
- **15:00** Towards a new culture for urban mobility, Gilles Savary Member of Parliament Chairman of TRAN committee.

## **15:30** Round table 1:

- Urban transport policies, how to support sustainable development. The emphasis is on the Sustainable Urban Transport Plans SUTP, examples of Ile de France STIF Plan de Déplacements Urbains PDU, and UK Local transport Plans, and the point of view of a New member State with the city of Warsaw. How governance impact on the efficiency of such plans and how Member States and European Commission can help.
- Moderator: Mary Crass Principal Administrator Transport Division ITF/OECD
- Speakers: Eleni Kopanezou European Commission DG-TREN Head of Clean and Urban Transport; Serge Mery Vice president of Region IIe de France administrator of STIF; Ewelina Kozak Deputy Director City hall of Warsaw and Leszek Ruta Director ZTM Warsaw; Jonathan Bray Director of PTEG; Claudio Masi UITP-OA Committee chairman and discussant / grand témoin Professor José Manuel Viegas Lisbon University Technical Institute

16:30 Coffee break

## 16:50 Round table 2:

The challenge of financing public transport. Current study from ATM Barcelona will give some first insights on financial tensions. Then debate will articulate as follows: sources from traditional ways of funding are currently out weighted by increasing running costs and development of networks is even more of a challenge. Alternatives ways of funding have been explored, how sustainable are they?

From congestion charging to capturing real estate added value generated by the contribution of public transport to urban projects, how to adapt strategies particularly in a context of financial crisis? From the point of view of European investment Bank how will the private sector react? How can member states and European institutions help?

- Moderator is Alain Meyère Director Mobility and Transport Development Institute for urban planning and development Ile de France Region (IAU-IdF)
- Speakers: Maria Krauzberger Vice Senator for Transport Berlin; Nina Kampmann Metro Copenhagen Tranport political manager, Mario Aymerich European Investment Bank Deputy Director, Ramon Sero Director General ATM Barcelona; Steve Newsome TfL Head of International and European Affairs; Dionisio Gonzalez CRTM Madrid Head of Quality department, Lennart Hallgren SL Stockholm Senior Project Manager.
- **17:50** Conclusions of the round tables, Professor Jose Manuel Viegas Lisbon University Technical Institute.
- 18:15 Conclusion of the day Jean Paul Huchon President of Region IIe de France

18:30 End of session.

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