

News



EMTA barometer 2022 reveals the impact of Covid-19 on the financial balance of public transport authorities

COVID-19 brought the biggest shock in decades for public transport. The latest EMTA barometer reveals the collapse in passenger numbers and fare revenues across 30 metropolitan public transport authorities.

Passenger numbers fell by 44% in 2020 versus 2019. Vilnius and London lost more than 60% of their passenger numbers; Amsterdam, Barcelona, Birmingham, Madrid, Mallorca, Manchester, Paris, Rotterdam-TheHague, Valencia and Vienna more than 40%; and the rest up to 25%.

In spite of (...)

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Sofia transport authority joins EMTA network

EMTA welcomes the Sofia Urban Mobility Centre (SUMC) as new member of the association. SUMC is procuring public transport services from 3 municipal and 2 private operators, offering the 1.5m inhabitants of Sofia the benefit of 4 metro lines, 14 tram lines, and over 100 bus/trolleybus lines.

Public transport has a 40% mode share in Sofia.

The delegates from the Sofia Urban Mobility Centre (SUMC) met with EMTA president and vice president in Lisbon on 4-6 May during the General Meeting of (...)

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Catch up with the EMTA - POLIS - UITP press conference "Why the European Commission's proposed deregulation of Public Transport is flawed?"

With draft interpretative guidelines for the PSO regulation (No 1370/2007), the European Commission considers "open access" as the default solution for urban public transport. Yet other cities in the world have illustrated that open access markets lead to fragmented services that serve mostly the profitable routes and peak hours, while neglecting whole areas and times of the day. The result is a lower share of public transport, not a higher one.

In this press conference, EMTA, POLIS and UITP (...)

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Open letter: Protect the legal framework for public transport services or undermine the Green Deal

The PSO regulation (EC 1370/2007) is the legal framework for the public transport sector in Europe.

In draft interpretative guidelines circulated in December 2021, the European Commission suggests the adoption of a new regime led by market-initiative.

In an open letter to the Secretary General of the European Commission, EMTA urges the Commission to refrain from an incomprehensible change of policy and to consult with all relevant stakeholders in a re-drafting process.

The draft (...)

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Help - not hinder - public transport's ability to deliver Green Deal Goals!

In a joint statement on the proposed revision of the interpretative guidelines on Regulation (EC) No 1370 on public passenger transport services by rail and by road ("PSO regulation"), a broad coalition of transport stakeholders calls on the European Commission to avoid undermining the legal framework for public transport organisation.

The PSO Regulation sets out the conditions under which transport operators can be compensated or given exclusive rights by public authorities to provide (...)

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Unlimited travel in Germany for 9€ per month: a good idea?

Among other measures to deal with high energy costs, the German federal government introduced a heavily discounted, special monthly pass for public transport available in June, July and August 2022.

For 9 Euros per calendar month, the so-called 9-Euro-Ticket permits unlimited use of bus, tram, metro, metropolitan- and regional-rail services in second class throughout the country. The pass is not valid in long-distance and high-speed train services or coach lines.

Any existing public (...)

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RMV introduces a 25% discount on fares with a loyalty card

In and around Frankfurt, passengers will be able to save 25% with a new discount from January 2023. The Rhein-Main-Verkehrsverbund (RMV) Supervisory Board approved the plans at its meeting on 8 June. The discount can be purchased for 10 euros per 30 days and is then valid on adult short distance, single, and day tickets. The discount function can be downloaded to the RMV app or to the eTicket. The purchase is possible via the RMV app, at ticket machines and in sales offices. "The new (...)

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SYTRAL introduces contactless bank card payments in Lyon

The new service introduced on 30 May 2022 allows the use of contactless bank card or any connected object as a ticket for travel on the entire TCL network (bus, metro, tram, funicular, P+R). Present your contactless bank card or your connected object (phone or watch with the NFC function activated) on the validator. You will be debited the next day.

The cost of one journey is €1.90 offering unlimited travel on the TCL network for one hour, with connections possible. The fare adapts to the (...)

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News from the cable car project in Île-de-France

The 1st cable car of Île-de-France region will have small cabins, seating only 10 people. Is that enough? With less than 30 seconds between cabins, the capacity will be 1600 passengers per hour and per direction (greater than that of most bus routes.)

Small cabins keep the #infrastructure compact, so that stations fit in the urban fabric, at ground level. The service will be #accessible to passengers using wheelchairs, buggies and bicycles. The cable car will reconnect 4 municipalities (...)

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Public transport needs a financial safety net in the Netherlands

At present in the Netherlands, some 20% fewer people are travelling by public transport than in 2019. Transport operators and authorities, including the Rotterdam Den Haag Metropolitan Region (MRDH), are far from convinced by the Dutch government claims that passenger numbers will return to pre-pandemic levels by 2023. They call for a financial safety net from the national government for the next two years. Without this safety net, travellers must prepare for lower frequencies and fewer (...)

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Catch up with the EIT MobilityTalks on Multimodal Digital Mobility Services

EMTA Secretary general Alexandre Santacreu commented on MaaS in the latest EIT MobilityTalk on 7 July 2022. The event was focussed on the building blocks for the development and deployment of multimodal digital mobility services, such as Mobility-as-a-Service applications. Speakers included: Kristian Hedberg, Head of Unit, Sustainable & Intelligent Transport, DG MOVE Victoire Champenois, Policy officer in DG MOVE Alexandre Santacreu, Secretary General, EMTA - European Metropolitan (...)

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Agenda

[European Mobility Week - 16 to 22 september 2022](#)

[Urban Mobility Days 2022 - 20 to 22 september - Brno \(CZECH REPUBLIC\)](#)

[Transport 48th general meeting - 19 to 21 october 2022 - Vienna \(AUSTRIA\)](#)

[Transport Innovation Summit 2022 - 9 & 10 november 2022 - Twickenham \(UNITED KINGDOM\)](#)

[Tomorrow Mobility World Congress - 15 to 17 november 2022 - Barcelona \(SPAIN\)](#)

[Annual POLIS Conference 2022 - 1st december 2022 - Brussels \(BELGIUM\)](#)

[EMTA 49th general meeting - 10 to 12 may 2023 - Oslo \(NORWAY\)](#)

[EMTA 50th general meeting - 25 to 27 october 2023 - Barcelona \(SPAIN\)](#)

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