



Press release

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City-HUB Final Conference

The City-HUB Consortium organizes its Final Conference “Urban Interchanges: how much integration we need?” in the premises of the French Institute of Science and Technology for Transport, Development and Networks (IFSTTAR) in Lille, France on 19 February 2015. The Conference will be organized under two sessions “an Urban interchange concept” and “Guidelines for monitoring and assessment”, and a round table with the topic: “Recommendations for European interchanges: City-HUB Model”.

The project's coordinator, Prof. Andrés Monzón from TRANSyT-UPM and Dr. Odile Heddebaut from IFSTTAR will open the Conference at 09:15am. Then, the Project Officer Mr. Patrick Mercier-Handisyde will give a presentation focusing on intermodality as part of the European Union urban mobility agenda. Following this, the Head of Mobility of Barcelona Transport Authority Mr. Lluís Alegre will speak about the needs, experiences and desires of the end-users of urban interchanges.

At 11:30am, Prof. Andrés Monzón will introduce and explain the process from investigating, evaluating and understanding the mobility needs for the development of the City-HUB model. The presentation of Prof. Eftihia Nathanail of CERTH will follow, focusing on the guidelines for successful interchanges, while Mr. Peter Christiansen from TOI will close the 1st session of the Conference, presenting good practices for interchanges.

Prof. Joao Abreu of the Instituto Superior Técnico of Lisbon, will open the 2nd session of the Conference at 14:00pm and will speak about the economic and social impacts of urban interchanges. Then, Mr. Derek Palmer from TRL will present important changes and potential actions needed for successful interchanges, while Ms. Sara Hernandez from TRANSyT-UPM will introduce crucial findings from the users' viewpoint. The coordinator of the European project NODES Ms. Caroline Hoogendoorn from the International Association of Public Transport (UITP) will close the 2nd session introducing NODES to the audience.

The round table is scheduled at 16:30pm, and Dr. Imre Keseru from Vrije Universiteit Brussel will moderate the discussion among the Project Officer, the key-note speakers, the NODES coordinator, the project's stakeholders and the City-HUB partners.

The Conference is expected to close around 18:00, and a farewell cocktail will follow!

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