

**T**he symposium intends to stimulate the exchange of information and experience on financing systems of local public transport in Europe. Debates will strive to answer the question "which sustainable financing system for public transport could be developed in order to achieve sustainable mobility objectives?"

In France, urban public transport is largely supported by a Transport Tax which is paid by employers. Thanks to this specific resource, local public transport authorities were able to develop their networks during the last decades and keep fares quite low for users. However, this Transport Tax is not sufficient anymore to support increasing investments and operational costs.

Due to the improvement of their public transport offer through investments in modern mobility systems and their efforts to enhance service quality, Local Authorities have to engage a significant part of their general budget in balancing the transport deficit. Actually, GART leads debates in France to find solutions on funding urban public transport to reverse this trend.

In this context, the symposium provides a platform where representatives of local governments from several European countries will examine case studies and present different approaches to financing urban public transport, thus shedding new light on the French situation.

This discussion between representatives from European cities and municipalities aims to clarify the future of public passenger transport services within the European legal framework.

# Symposium

## Funding urban public transport in Europe

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

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***Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Épargne***

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# Programme

9 h 00 **Welcome**

9 h 30 **Opening**

**Benoit Catel**, Director of local authorities, social housing and social economy at the « Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Epargne »

9 h 45 **Introduction**

**Roland Ries**, President of GART, Mayor of Strasbourg

**Walter Peer**, CEMR rapporteur on transport, Municipal Councillor of Innsbruck (Austria)

10 h 15 **Overview of the financing of public transport in Europe**

Presentation of a report commissioned by the International Forum of Transport

- **José Viégas**, Professor at Instituto Superior Técnico – Technical University of Lisbon

10 h 45 **Presentation of case studies**

**Moderator** : **Bruno Faivre d'Arcier**, Professor at Transport Economics Laboratory, University of Lyon 2

- FRANCE : **Stéphane Coppey**, President of Tisseo Toulouse
- SWEDEN : **Stenerik Ringqvist**, Nominated by the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions
- GERMANY : **Andreas Kossak**, Nominated by the German Association of towns and cities
- THE NETHERLANDS : **Jan Van Selm**, Head of Transport Affairs in Groningen Drenthe Region.

12 h 30 **Lunch**

14 h 00 **Experiences of new financing mechanisms**

**Moderator** : **José Viégas**, Professor of the Institut Superior Técnico – Technical University of Lisbon

EIB approach to sustainable development projects

- **Henry Marty-Gauquié**, Director, liaison with non-EU International Organisations and of the EIB Group Representative Office in Paris

Financing system of Suburban Rail in Madrid

- **Angel Aparicio**, Director of the Spanish Research Center in Civil Engineering (CEDEX)

Funding and Financing Major Transport Schemes – Innovations in London

- **Julian Ware**, Transport for London

15 h 30 **Round Table with European decision-makers**

- **Charles-Éric Lemaigen**, President of the "Communauté d'agglomération" of Orléans Val de Loire
- **Cllr Keith Whitmore**, Vice-Chair of the Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority
- **Alfredo Peri**, Councillor, Emilia-Romagna Region, President of "Federmobilità"
- **Franz Xavier Soeldner\***, European Commission, DG Transport and energy

17 h 00 **Conclusions and closing remarks**

**Roland Ries**, President of GART, Mayor of Strasbourg

Simultaneous interpretation between English and French

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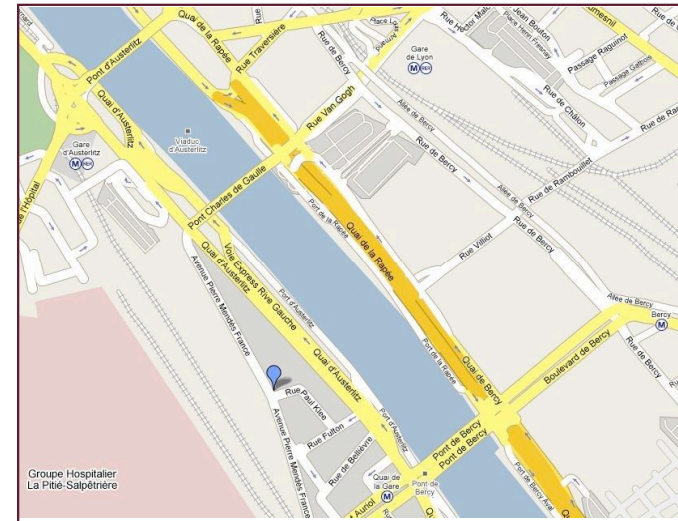
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