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TECAPSY - innovative urban mobility concept using IT-technology

Road transport is expected to experience a rapid growth, according to some estimations up to 100% by 2025. Here road transport very clearly dominates amongst the transport modes. There is a tendency towards solo-driving. The effects are well known: congested urban road network and unwanted environmental side effects. Modern IT (information technology) allows for novel solutions - not just to drive around a bottleneck, but to avoid the development of bottlenecks. Non-fiscal and urban transport measures such as **TECAPSY - Trans-European car-pooling & parking systems** point the way to feasible transport improvements and an effective urban transport policy.

Despite the fact that technological means already exist, very little money has been spent so far to study the potential of car-pooling. Various studies indicate that car-pooling is a promising part of any transport policy in the urban/metropolitan framework and that a large potential of savings could be realised provided adequate attention and support were given.

The TECAPSY project addresses this gap and assesses the market potential that car-pooling could have in different European commuter environments. TECAPSY examines a car-pooling software, that allows driver-passenger matching using call centres as well as direct web-based matching. Despite the generally positive perception of car-pooling in the wider public, so far car-pooling services have proven themselves economically not viable, as the services they offered addressed too narrow markets and were not adapted to existing public transport or commuter environments. The TECAPSY project is testing car-pooling in various commuter environments throughout Europe addressing individual car users as well as a variety of intermediaries (public authorities, employers, organisers of large events, etc.). Further TECAPSY will integrate car-pooling with public transport services as well as information services, setting incentives to car-pool.

TECAPSY will enhance the attractiveness of car-pooling giving privileged access to parking space for car-pooling participants. Further the car-pooling service will be coordinated through the "Digital Mobility Centre" that will complement car-pooling information with traffic and mobility related information, such as information on parking space (e.g.: allocation of privileged parking space), public transport (e.g.: timetables, car-pooling - public transport connections, etc.), tourist information, etc..

The **TECAPSY project is a market validation project in the framework of the European Union's "TEN-TELECOM" programme**. The project leader is Sociedad Ibérica de Construcciones Eléctricas - SICE (Spain), the project participants are: Allmobile.com (Switzerland), the City of Hanover (Germany), the University of Alicante (Spain), the City of Gloucester (UK), the City of Grenoble (France), FIDAL Société d'Avocats (France) and the European Union Road Federation - ERF (Europe).

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