

## Press Release

# European Public Transport Operators join the SECUR-ED effort to enhance Security in Urban Transport

**Berlin, 14 September 2011 – The SECUR-ED project gains a larger audience as another fifteen companies join the SECUR-ED Public Transport Operators and Authorities Advisory Group.**

SECUR-ED is a *demonstration project* with thirty nine partners including major stakeholders from across Europe such as public transport operators and authorities, industry and research centres. In four major urban European cities – Madrid, Paris, Milan and Berlin – security enhancing technologies and systems will be put into practice and demonstrated. To ensure the applicability of project results and solutions, “satellite” demos are planned in Brussels, Istanbul, Lisbon, Bucharest and two other medium-size European cities to be determined.

The buy-in and consensus amongst all relevant actors will also be ensured by several “Advisory Groups”. Today in Berlin, fifteen European Public Transport Operators have joined the first meeting of the SECUR-ED Public Transport Operators and Authorities Advisory Group with the objective of providing advice, consensus building and facilitating the acceptance of the project results.

*“Advisory Groups representing all public transport stakeholders will ease the integration of essential feedback from actors that cannot directly participate in the project. This is necessary to address the widespread challenge of public transport security throughout EU27”* says Thomas Kritzer, Deputy Director Metro of Wiener Linien and Chairman of the UITP Security Commission.

Another three Advisory Groups representing the industry, law enforcement and first responders and a group looking into the protection of the privacy and individual rights will be launched before the end of the year. [www.secur-ed.eu](http://www.secur-ed.eu).

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