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## UITP LEADS THE EBSF\_2 PROJECT TO DRIVE INNOVATION IN BUS SYSTEMS

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UITP hosted the launch of EBSF\_2 project (European Bus System of the Future 2) during its World Congress & Exhibition in Milan last week, a project that will continue the drive for bus system innovation that began under the first EBSF project (2008-2012).

The three-year project will bring together manufacturers, operators, research institutes and authorities in order to test and evaluate a set of technological solutions to improve the efficiency and attractiveness of urban and suburban bus systems.

Demonstrations in real service in 12 cities will address several domains for innovation: **energy management and auxiliaries, driver assistance, exterior and interior bus layout, IT standards** and the **interface** of the bus with the system in terms of both intelligent garage and urban infrastructure. In order to ensure a wide market uptake after the end of the project, these technological innovations will deal with various bus systems, from BRT to local lines and all with current propulsion technologies.

“As an association, we have a strategy to double the market share of public transport by 2025. The EBSF\_2 project is undoubtedly part of that agenda,” said **Alain Flausch**, Secretary General of UITP. “Bus systems offer a huge potential to attract new public transport customers and promote low-carbon and resource-efficient mobility”.

EBSF\_2 raises high expectations as a continuation of the successful EBSF project. The latter, which ran between 2008 and 2012, was the first European project bringing together the leading European bus manufacturers. It largely influenced the bus sector thanks to several technological innovations and specifications developed within the project, which were later included in the product portfolio of manufacturers and suppliers.

*The EBSF\_2 project forms a part of Horizon 2020, the biggest EU Research and Innovation funding programme ever.*

**EBSF\_2 in brief:**

Duration: May 2015 - April 2018  
Budget: €12.4m (€10m EU-funded)  
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