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## **EBSF\_2 FINAL EVENT: UITP CONFERENCE BRINGS PIONEERING PROJECT TO A CLOSE**

**Brussels, 25 April 2018**

UITP has held the final conference to bring a close to the [EBSF\\_2 Project](#) – where leading public transport and industry representatives gathered to discuss the success of this pioneering project (Vienna, 18 April 2018)

The EBSF\_2 (The **E**uropean **B**us **S**ystem of the **F**uture **2**) final event was held during [TRA2018](#) (The Transport Research Arena, Vienna 16-19 April 2018) following a presentation and demonstration at the UITP stand.

Led by our Research and Innovation department Director Umberto Guida and Project Coordinator Michele Tozzi, the findings of the project were presented alongside key speeches, presentations and panel roundtables.

Those in attendance were given the opportunity to hear from figures such as Patrick Mercier-Handisyde from the European Commission and Georgios Charalampous of Innovation & Networks Executive Agency (INEA) as our Research and Innovation department detailed the successes of the project.

*“More than 30 highly advanced solutions for improved efficiency of bus systems have been tested and validated, mainly in real operations. The most successful ones are today under further development to be shortly brought to series production.”*

Michele Tozzi  
Project Coordinator EBSF\_2

The event, moderated by urban and transport planner Robert Stussi, showcased the technological innovations tested within the twelve project's test sites and gave those in attendance the opportunity to discuss the results with the demonstrations' working teams.



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EBSF\_2 is co-funded by the European Union H2020 programme and coordinated by UITP. In line with its forerunners, EBSF (2008 – 2012) and 3iBS (2012 –2015), it was designed to develop a new generation of urban bus systems by means of new vehicle technologies and infrastructures in combination with operational best practices. Solutions have been evaluated through a methodology to assess the soundness of the innovations and their affordability.

*“Bus Systems are evolving according to trends that will drastically change the way we live, we work and use mobility in the near future. The European Bus System of the Future 2 is a great example of the commitment of European bus stakeholders to be pioneers in testing solutions as the best technological answer to emerging operational requirements. The efforts deployed by the project partners over the last 3 years, with more than 200 vehicles involved in testing activities, lay the foundations of future developments in discovering the enormous opportunities of electrification, connectivity and automation applied to bus systems.”*

Umberto Guida

UITP Research and Innovation Director

TRA 2018 is an arena for researchers, companies and public authorities active in the field of transport, welcoming policy makers and all stakeholders framing research and transport policy – making the Austrian capital the perfect location to present the findings of EBSF\_2.

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