


ECLIPSE

(European Cooperation and Learning to Implement Transport Solutions
to combat Exclusion)

The ECLIPSE Project

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Background


- ECLIPSE –(European Cooperation and learning to Implement Transport Solutions to Combat Exclusion)
- DGEMPL (Directorate General Employment & Social Affairs)
- September 2005 for one / two years
- Project Partners

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Background - MATISSE

- Important impacts that transport can have on increasing social inclusion
- Limited joint working transport / social inclusion at three levels;
- European
- National
- Local
- Lack of best practice examples


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Background

'There has been a failure to mainstream a concern with poverty and social exclusion into transport policy. Indeed, the majority of member states give no attention at all to the issue of transport...Unless positive policies are in place to improve access, transport will continue to be a factor entrenching social exclusion and inequality in society'


EC Joint Report on Social Inclusion (March 2004)

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ECLIPSE Objectives

- Increase awareness of the transport and social exclusion issue among transport professionals
- Disseminate a menu of best practice measures
- Actively engage with transport actors and stakeholders in other sectors to form sustainable working strategic partnerships
- Ensure that transport considerations are taken on board in the National Action Plans (NAPs)
- Address the issue at the European level


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European Level

- The Challenge
 - Re-strengthen social objectives into the transport programme
- ECLIPSE Objective
 - To address the issue at the European Level
- ECLIPSE Actions
 - European level Briefing meetings




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National Level

- The Challenge
 - Limited mention of transport in National Action Plans (NAPs)


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1st National Action Plans (NAPs)

2001

No mention of Transport


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2nd National Action Plans (NAPs)

2003


Some mention of Transport

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3rd National Action Plans (NAPs)

Due September 2006
Transport ?


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National Level

- ECLIPSE Objective
 - To liaise with Member States (and NMS / Accession Countries) engaged in the NAP process to ensure that transport considerations are taken on board
- ECLIPSE Actions
 - National Workshops
 - International Conferences



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Local Level

- The Challenge
 - Lack of dialogue on local level (social workers / transport professionals)

- ECLIPSE Objective

To actively engage with transport actors and stakeholders in other sectors to form sustainable working partnerships to formulate policy on transport and social exclusion




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Local Level

- ECLIPSE Actions
 - Three cities (Liverpool / Parma (IT) / Bucharest)
 - Development of Local Strategic Partnerships



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Dissemination

- Leaflets in five languages
- www.eclipse-eu.net
- Email database
- POLIS – 70 member cities
- Good Practice Guide

To disseminate a menu of best practice measures, benchmark solutions and evaluation tools to assist transport professionals in combating the issue




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ECLIPSE Events

- European-level meetings, Brussels
- National Workshops, 29 June 2006 – Bucharest, Romania / Subsequent workshops in Italy, France and the UK.
- International Conferences, Perugia, Italy 19 May 2006 / June 2007 in Paris

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The aim of the project is to address the issue of the transport impacts on social exclusion and build on the conclusions of MATISSE, another European Commission project

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