

ECLIPSE

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

Welcome and Introduction to ECLIPSE

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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 to end August 2007
- Project Partners



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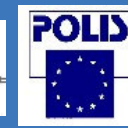


Background - MATISSE

- 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

1. Increase awareness
2. Disseminate best practices
3. Promote working strategic partnerships
4. Transport in National Action Plans (NAPs)
5. 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)
- 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 – 65 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 Briefing meetings:
 - 27 June 2006 and 26 June 2007 in Brussels



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European-level Briefing meeting, Brussels 27 June 2006

'Social Exclusion: Focus on Transport'

- Roundtable discussion - MEPs, officers of the EC Directorates General, European organisations and networks

Aim;

- raise the profile of the transport and exclusion issue at the European level
- provide a sustainable channel for dialogue between transport and social partners in policy area.



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European-level Briefing meeting, Brussels 27 June 2006

'Social Exclusion: Focus on Transport'

Mr **Gary Titley MEP**, full member of the Transport and Tourism Committee in the European Parliament



Mr **Adam Tyson** - Head of Unit - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Mr **Alan Irving**, - Clean Transport and Sustainable Development unit (EC DG Transport and Energy)



Mrs **Jean Lambert, MEP**, full member of the EU Parliament's Employment and Social Affairs Committee



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ECLIPSE Events

- **National Workshops:**
 - 29 June 2006 – Bucharest, *Romania*
 - 2 October 2006 – Rome, *Italy*
 - 7 December 2006 – Liverpool, *UK*
 - 1 March 2007– Budapest, *Hungary*
 - 11 May 2007 – Paris, *France*



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ECLIPSE National Workshop, Bucharest 29 June 2006

The Role of Mobility in Avoiding Social Exclusion

- Approximately 30 delegates;
 - public transport operator representatives
 - local authorities from around Romania.



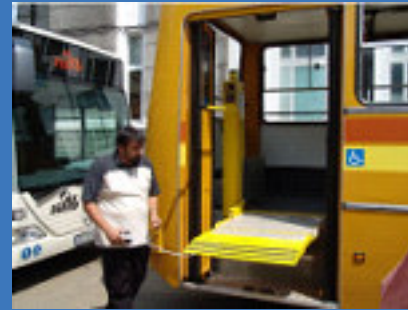
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The Role of Mobility in Avoiding Social Exclusion

- Technical demonstration of RATB's accessible vehicles;
 - trams equipped with mobile platforms
 - new accessible buses



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ECLIPSE National Workshop, Rome

2 October 2006

- Integration into existing meeting (hosted by Federmobilità Association) to maximise attendance and impact
- Over 40 attendees (local actors / representatives from local authorities from across Italy)
- aim - to provide a platform for discussion between actors involved in providing collective transportation and social assistance.



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ECLIPSE National Workshop, Liverpool 7 December 2006

Centre of Excellence Working with ECLIPSE to Reduce Transport Barriers and Improve Inclusion

- Over 30 delegates
- Demonstrations of successful schemes in action
- Site Visits



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ECLIPSE National Workshop, Budapest, 1st March 2007

- Approximately 30 delegates
- Presentations from
 - Hungarian Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (on the Hungarian NAP)
 - UK Dept for Work and Pensions (UK NAP)
- Site visit to see accessible trams and buses, organised by BKV (Budapest Transport Closely Held Corporation)



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ECLIPSE National Workshop, Paris, 11th May 2007

- Over 35 delegates
- Presentations from
 - Representatives from the national social and transport ministries
 - Local authorities
- Site visit to Sarcelles (suburbs of Paris) organised by “Ville et banlieue” to see planning for the tram line which aims to regenerate the area



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ECLIPSE Events

- International Conferences:
 - 19 May 2006 Perugia, *Italy*



- 27 June 2007 Brussels, *Belgium*



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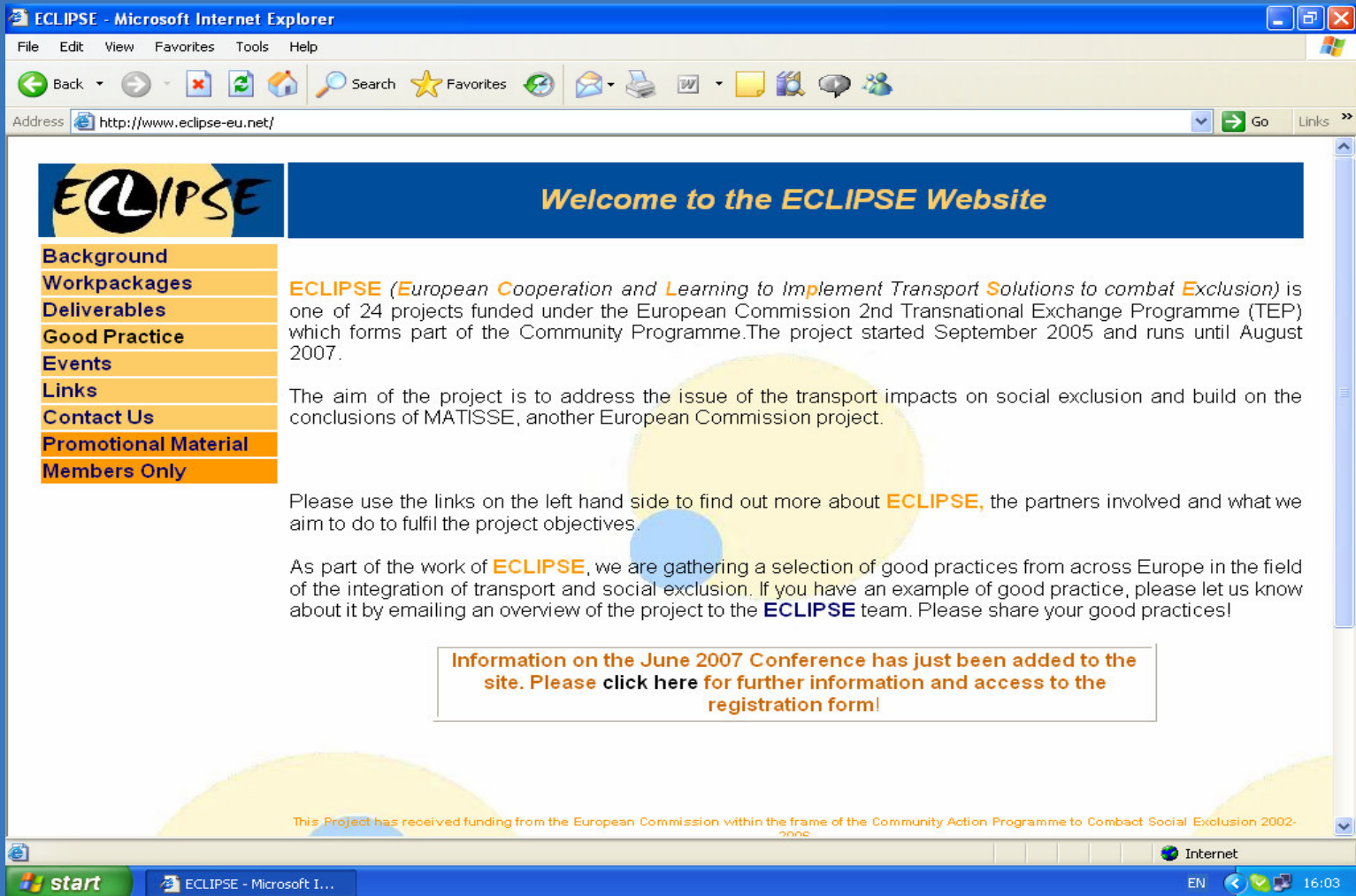
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