

ACTUATE

Advanced Training and Education for Safe Eco-driving of Clean Vehicles

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Project Summary



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- Safe eco-driving (i.e. correct vehicle handling) reduces energy consumption and optimise operational costs.
- 9 European partners (including five public transport operators and a bus manufacturer) develop, test and introduce safe eco-driving trainings for drivers of clean vehicles.
- Training concepts for professional drivers of different clean vehicle types (trolleybuses, hybrid buses, ebuses with "supercapacitors" and trams) will be developed, tested and evaluated.





Background



ACTUATE will develop, test and introduce safe eco-driving trainings and seminar concepts for clean vehicle fleets of public transport operators.

Safe eco-driving has the potential to reduce energy consumption, emissions, operating costs and to increase passenger safety, but is so far only available for diesel-engine vehicles.

As **key benefits** information material on training and promotion campaigns for safe eco-driving will be provided. All outputs and results of the project — such as minimum training criteria, learning outcomes and training concepts/ materials — will help other public transport providers to educate and train their own drivers in safe eco-driving in a tried and tested manner.



Objectives and Main Steps



Four main objectives:

- 1. Contribute to European criteria and standards for energy efficient driving and formal bus driver qualification;
- 2. Enhance the quality of formal bus driver training and expand the training to the special requirements of clean vehicles;
- 3. Demonstrate the energy saving potentials due to capacity building in energy efficient driving of clean vehicles and
- 4. Upscale the outcomes for wider up-take at European levels.





Expected Impacts



- Develop training concepts for safe eco-driving for different types of clean vehicles, including trams, trolleybuses, hybrid buses and buses equipped with supercapacitors.
- Conduct 200 training seminars to train around 1.000 drivers across Europe in safe eco-driving techniques for clean vehicles.
- Evaluate the training programme in terms of effectiveness to reduce the energy consumption of clean vehicles operated by public transport operators.
- Achieve energy savings of 5% with regard to diesel fuel consumption of hybrid busses and 5 to 10% with regard to electricity powered vehicles.
- Integrate minimum criteria for safe eco-driving of clean vehicles into training frameworks that govern the training approaches of public transport operators.



ACTUATE – Project Partners



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- Dopravní podnik mesta Brna a.s., (DPMB), Brno, Czech Republic
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