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Public transport innovation awards: three new technologies serving passengers

The latest Public transport innovation award-winners have been announced at Transport Publics 2008, the European mobility exhibition. The awards are organised under the patronage of the French Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Planning in partnership with Veolia Transport and *Transport Public* magazine. The most outstanding innovations from service and industrial companies featuring at this year's exhibition were honoured in the awards ceremony, which took place on Thursday June 12.

The award-winning companies (Bombardier, ERG Transit Systems and Lumiplan) have successfully developed innovations which provide genuine benefits for passengers.

▪ **"Energy/environment" category: Bombardier's AGC BiBi high-capacity railcar**

The hybrid AGC uses a dual-mode (electric and diesel) and dual-voltage (1 500 V and 25 000 V) powertrain. It can run anywhere on the European rail network, freeing itself from infrastructure-related constraints, saving passengers from having to disembark or change trains. This hybrid technology is a world first. The BiBi AGC enables energy savings, reduces CO² emissions, and cuts noise in stations during stops.

▪ **"Intelligent transport systems" category: ERG Transit Systems' virtual point of sale.**

Customers can use this system to buy their bus pass online, without going to the usual points of sale, and use it immediately (thanks to a contactless USB key) or when they next validate it. For those without internet access, this service will also be available when buying tickets via cashpoint machines. There are virtually no maintenance costs, and the operator's investment is reduced by 80%.

▪ **"Accessibility, fittings, facilities and design" category: Mobi+ by Lumiplan**

Mobi+ is a passenger information terminal supplying and processing information for all categories of disabled user. It works using long or short-range radio waves, enabling either the use of a swipe card - which doubles as a contactless payment system - or automatic detection up to five metres from the terminal, as required. The RFID cards provide drivers with information on the type of disability of users waiting at the next station from as far away as 400 metres, enabling them to take the necessary action to facilitate access. This preventive information also enables improved average service speed. Ultimately, the terminal will also provide telephone interactivity for bluetooth mobiles.

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