

FLEXIBLE TRANSPORT SYSTEMS FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS AND BARRIERS

Košice region, Slovakia

In the frame of the LAST MILE project, the analysis of framework conditions and barriers identified the potential main issues hindering the implementation of flexible transport systems (FTS) in the aspect of regulatory, institutional, economic and other framework conditions and barriers. The most important in Košice region are legislative barriers: flexible modes of transport cannot be financed from the public funds. Another obstacle is the absence of integrated transport organizer, which would be an ideal coordinator for the implementation of flexible modes of transport.



Seasonal bus in Slovenský raj

REGULATORY BARRIERS

- Lack of national / regional legislation for FTS to regulate the function, operation or organization of FTS.
- National legislation defines only occasional transport.
- There are regulatory minimum standard or recommendations concerning only the provision of public transport for settlement areas in Slovakia.

INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS

- Absence of an integrated transport organizer.
- Municipalities are not prepared to manage different flexible mobility services - regarding payment, administration, workloads etc.
- Minor risks can be expected in the collaboration between local stakeholder groups due to deficient communication in the planning, implementation and operation phase of FTS.

ECONOMIC BARRIERS

- No national, regional, institutional or other funding schemes for FTS.
- Lack of private – private and private-public-partnership offering FTS.
- Municipalities are not capable of delivering FTS in the same quality and professionalism as private entrepreneurs.
- Extra costs are expected if FTS is not part of public transport service.

OTHER BARRIERS

- Sustainable transport is not an integral part of education in schools.
- There are no out-of-school institutions that provide education on sustainable transport and FTS.
- Insufficient awareness within the general public and also within local stakeholders and decision makers on the importance of sustainable transport and particularly flexible transport.

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Steps to take to change the framework conditions and barriers in the Košice region:

Stimulate a discussion with the Ministry of Transport of Slovak Republic and work on removing the legal barriers for development of flexible modes. A significant conceptual solution might be the application of the elements of the FTS within the system of the regular transport performed in public interest after some mild modification of the present laws.

Regardless to the way of the implementation of the FTS and the extent of its application in the Košice region, the main aim is to integrate the elements of flexible transport into the coordinated transport system providing complex transport services that will ensure the economical use of public resources, and in the best case scenario it will also provide unified tariff and information system.

Establish an integrated transport organizer, which would be an ideal coordinator for the implementation of flexible modes of transport.

Raise awareness on sustainable transport within general public and also within local stakeholders and decision makers.



Event train within the Košice region

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