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Hi!

I am Ingrid Dreyer from Norway. I work half time in Brussels as a representative for the Nordic public transport associations. My office is at UITP (The International Association of Public Transport), and my task is to follow ongoing EU legislation which may affect Nordic public transport.

I will also try to identify relevant information about public transport research, funding and other projects of interest for the Nordic countries.

News from UITP

- **Do you have a Passenger Charter? Be inspired to update it:**
UITP and the European Passenger Federation have released an updated **Passenger Charter**. The charter takes on new technological and legislative developments such as e-ticketing, real-time info and new passengers' rights regulations. National associations are encouraged to **translate the Charter** into your own language. Public transport authorities and operators are encouraged use it to **improve your own charters**:
<https://www.uitp.org/sites/default/files/cck-focus-papers-files/PASSENGER%20CHARTER%20-%20SIGNED%20VERSION.pdf>
- **Win a UITP Award for your innovative public transport project:**
The winners of the UITP Awards 2019 will be presented in Stockholm in June. The Call for Submissions of projects is open until **8 March**. Read more here on how to **nominate your candidate**:
<https://www.uitp.org/news/uitp-awards-2019-showcase-your-public-transport-achievements>
- **UITP and BBC to produce documentary on public transport**
UITP has commissioned BBC StoryWorks to make a series of mini-documentaries on public transport all around the world. Do you want to **get involved**? Read more:
<https://www.uitp.org/news/uitp-create-series-mini-documentaries-importance-public-transport-our-cities>

News on EU legislation:

- **Clean Vehicles Directive (revision of Directive 2009/33/EU, the aim is to reduce emissions from public transport)**: The Council of the EU have adopted its negotiating mandate and is now ready to start negotiations with the EU Parliament. Member States have agreed on a transposition period of 30 months, which is longer than the timeframes proposed by the Commission and the European Parliament (18 months).



- **Rail Passenger Rights (recast of regulation 1371/2007, the aim is to update EU rules on rail passenger rights to better protect users in the event of delays, cancellations or discrimination):** The Parliament completed their 1st reading in November. The Council is working on it now, and when they are finished, there will be negotiations with the Parliament. The Romanian Presidency have signalled that they will move forward as soon as possible.
- **Open Data / Re-use of Public Sector Information (revision of Directive 2013/37/EU, setting out conditions for the re-use of data published by public sector bodies):** The EU institutions reached an agreement on 22 January, and the process is therefore nearing the end. The Directive will only apply to public undertakings operating a public service, even though according to EU law, public service contracts can be awarded to public or private undertakings alike. As a general rule, there should be no licences or conditions on the re-use of data. UITP will work towards the Commission in identifying the specific types of high value datasets belonging to the mobility category.
- **European Accessibility Act (general directive covering goods and services, for areas which are not already covered by existing EU accessibility legislation):** The institutions have reached an agreement and the political process is moving towards the end. The directive defines functional requirements, no technical specifications, to secure accessibility for all. Many of the requirements affect public transport, however, urban transport and built infrastructure/stations was left out of the scope. Already existing self ticketing terminals will not have to be rebuilt. UITP has published a preliminary report with the details (report 1130).

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or other requests.

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All the best,
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