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Question for written answer E-002322/2016 to the Commission Andrejs Mamikins (S&D)

Subject: European bus system of the future (EBSF)

Nowadays buses account for approximately 80 % of all public transport journeys in the world. Each region, however, has its own specificities, and in consequence the EBSF project aimed to develop a new generation of urban bus systems for use in European cities.

Its objectives were: more efficient use of information, higher comfort and accessibility, smarter use of energy and maximum adaptability for use in European cities, paying attention to their historically and otherwise developed sites, mobility trends, services and transport networks in general.

1. Given that the project was finished in early 2013, how many European cities have already incorporated the European bus system of the future into their urban traffic systems?
2. Does the Commission plan on promoting the system's application throughout Europe as a means to safety, comfort, environmental protection and energy conservation advancement?
3. Since the project covers universally applicable and highly desirable principles, can its results be further disseminated beyond Europe and, if so, have any non-European cities already adapted EBSF for local use, or do they plan on doing so?

Answer given by Mr Moedas on behalf of the Commission

The 'European Bus System of the Future' (EBSF) project was co-financed by the EU under the Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (FP7, 2007-2013). EBSF was a four-year project that started in 2008 with a budget of EUR 26 million (EUR 16 million co-funded) and was coordinated by UITP, the International Association of Public Transport. It included testing in real operational scenarios in eight European cities.

- The EBSF project developed a set of concepts and solutions towards 2020. It is up to each stakeholder to implement the most relevant ones given its specific situation. Cities have already adopted many of the solutions developed. For instance, the city of London has already ordered buses pre-equipped according to the IT standard developed in EBSF and the City of Gothenburg has ordered Volvo electric buses with innovations developed in the project, regarding access and driving position.

- The Commission continues to support activities on buses, promoting the system's application throughout Europe, e.g. through demonstration activities within the EBSF21 and ZeEUS2

projects. The Commission has also launched a coordination and support action, 3iBS3, which aims to disseminate and capitalise on results from successful bus system projects at European and national level.

- Finally, the Commission also supports activities on public transport, including buses, outside Europe. For example, the Commission is supporting the exchange of best practices and the take-up of urban transport innovation between European cities and cities in Asia and Latin America.

1 <http://ebsf2.eu/>

2 <http://zeus.eu/>

3 (www.3ibs.eu/en)

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