

Moving in Europe

MOBILITY: A PARADIGM OF EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP





The project, started in January 2013, it consists in consulting citizens in 8 Member States on the different challenges represented by the Mobility of people for the future of the EU: transport accessibility, environmental sustainability and citizens/passengers' rights.

Rationale

Mobility is a daily concern for most European citizens and is a paradigm of European citizenship, inasmuch as it embraces many of its aspects (common identity thanks to trans-national mobility, European citizens/passengers' rights, etc.). Lastly, the policy on transports and mobility is essential for the development of a sustainable economy.

The project comes from the idea to collect citizens' opinions on Mobility in the EU as a key theme for the future of European citizens and the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy.

Citizens are given the opportunity to participate in decision-making and seek possible solutions regarding an issue definitely important for their daily life and the implementation of a sustainable development.

They will be able to formulate recommendations and present them to the EU institutions.

Objectives

The main objectives of the project are thus the following:

- informing citizens and raising their awareness on the EU policies and initiatives on Mobility;
- contributing to bridge the gap between EU citizens and Institutions, providing the European Parliament and the Commission with information on the actual expectations of citizens in this area;
- giving the opportunity to 2.560 citizens from 8 countries to concretely participate in the EU policy making, promoting direct dialogue between them and European Institutions;
- enhancing citizens' interest in civic participation and their capacity to analyze critical situations, identify solutions and formulate policy recommendations.

Consultations:

The consultations will be structured in two phases: first level consultation of 640 people (citizens, members or volunteers of local associations,...) in 8 countries and second level consultation of at least 2.000 common citizens travelling on public transports, selected in a random way:

- during the first phase, the partners will organize four 1-day consultation meetings for 20 people each in every participating country;
- during the second phase, every partner organization will collect the results from the 4 consultations and draft a questionnaire which will be used to interview travellers (on trains, buses, plane, etc.) on the results of the first phase. Four participants in each meeting will be selected and trained to interview people travelling on public transports (20 per each participant which means 320 per country) on the main problems and recommendations which emerged from the first-step consultations. This will enlarge and diversify the consultation target, as well as ensure the dissemination of the project.

The final recommendations will be presented to competent authorities in each country and to the EU institutions in occasion of the final event in Brussels.

Partnership:

The project is coordinated by Cittadinanzattiva onlus-Active Citizenship Network and takes advantage of the collaboration of the following Partners:

- A.N.P.C.P.P.S.România / National Association for Consumers' Protection and Promotion of programs and strategies (Country Romania - RO)
- Vartotojų teisių gynimo centras / Association Consumer Rights Protection Center (Country Lithuania - LT)
- Index Foundation (Country Bulgaria - BG)
- Associação In Loco / In Loco Association (Country Portugal - PT)
- Spoločnosť ochrany spotrebiteľov S.O.S. / Society of Consumer Protection (Country Slovakia - SK)
- Centra potrošača Srbije / Consumer's Center of Serbia - CEPS (Country Serbia - SRB)
- Fundación Ciudadanía / Citizenship Foundation (Country Spain – ES)

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The project is coordinated by Active Citizenship Network (ACN), the European interface of the Italian civic organization Cittadinanzattiva.

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