
Letter of Understanding regarding cooperation between
the Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) and the
International Association of Public Transport (UITP)

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The Parties,

The Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT)

and

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP),

having noted the need to establish a close working relationship in order to foster cooperation between them;

recognising that:

- a) the ECC is an organisation of governmental bodies and therefore having limited possibilities to enter into agreements with a private association;
- b) UITP is a non-profit organisation representing local public transport stakeholders. UITP advocates for laws, regulations, and economic best practices that will lead to develop local public transport services and advocate their more efficient utilisation, including with regard to spectrum used for operating public transport systems and better serving their customers.

considering that:

- a) the ECC considers and develops policies on electronic communications activities in a European context and is the organisation in Europe responsible for the efficient use of the radio spectrum, satellite orbits and numbering resources;
- b) UITP supports through its members the development of automated local public transport modes and especially Urban Rail ITS in Europe, as well as services attractive for connected public transport customers;
- c) the ECC and UITP have a common interest in ensuring the most efficient use and management of the radio frequency spectrum;

agree to cooperate as follows:

1. The ECC and UITP agree to exchange information and agree to seek, to the extent possible, compatible approaches concerning the use of radio frequencies for connectivity of European citizens, particularly for Road ITS and Urban Rail ITS;
2. The Parties may exchange, as appropriate, free of charge, information on programs and results of work in areas of mutual interest for information, evaluation and comment;
3. Copies of relevant approved documents from either Party may be made available to the other Party. The dissemination by one Party of documents received from the other Party

will be limited to the members of the relevant part of the receiving Party and solely for the purpose of the activities relating to the receiving Party's work programme. If the disclosing Party indicates it considers information provided as confidential, the receiving Party will likewise treat such information as confidential unless the disclosing Party consents to broader disclosure in writing. All sharing of documents and other information under this Agreement shall be on an as-is basis with disclaimer of responsibility to identify and evaluate the validity or scope of any claimed intellectual property rights;

4. All copyright, and other intellectual and industrial rights embodied in documents exchanged between the Parties and any copies thereof, remain with the originating Party and as applicable, its members, and extend to all media in which the information may be embodied. Any reference to these documents shall be submitted to the agreement of the originating Party prior to communicating said documents to other bodies;
5. The ECC Chairman and Secretary General of UITP may meet periodically at their convenience. Others may be invited to participate in these meetings;
6. Participation of a nominated observer, or a substitute, from UITP will normally be permitted to attend meetings of the ECC and its subordinate groups when such meetings may include topics of mutual interest to ECC and UITP;
7. In order to maintain sufficient alignment of objectives, an observer from the ECC may be invited to attend or participate to some UITP events of mutual interest to ECC and UITP such as: the Global Public Transport Summit; and/or targeted events or meetings involving key decision-makers on strategic hot topics;
8. Observers shall, to the extent permitted by the relevant Party's organisational rules and statutes, be permitted to participate fully in discussions on work items relevant to the scope of this Agreement and may submit written contributions / proposals but shall not be part of the decision-making process. The Parties will mutually ensure that relevant intellectual property rights are respected, applied and protected;
9. This Agreement shall come into force effective as of the date of its signature by both parties and have an initial term of three (3) years with automatic one (1) year renewal periods unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. Either Party, upon ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the other Party, may terminate this Agreement at any time during its term for any reason;
10. The practical contacts and decisions for the application of this Agreement will be taken between the ECC Chairman and the Secretary General of UITP.

Agreed for the ECC by Chris Woolford
Chairman of ECC

Agreed for UITP by:



By: _____

Name: Chris Woolford

Title: ECC Chairman



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