

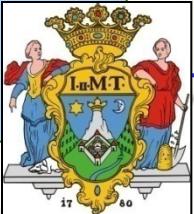


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**Projects and activities of
the City of Pécs
Concerning
Sustainable Public Transport**



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The City of Pécs, Hungary



- *The City of Pécs with 170 thousand inhabitants, is a middle-sized cultural, educational, commercial and health centre, 40 kms far from the Croatian border.*
- *The transition period as well as the rapid increase of the number of tourists and students resulted in a huge demand for private car parking spaces and modernisation of public transport.*
- *Further innovation and new ideas have developed since the City of Pécs is going to be the European Capital of Culture in 2010.*



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Civitas – Trendsetter project



- **Partner Cities:** Stockholm (Sweden) Graz (Austria) Lille (France) Prague (Czech Republic) and Pécs (Hungary)
- **Achieved goal regarding Pécs:** Decreasing the number of parking cars in Pécs city centre (20%) – introduction of park free zone, introducing a parking concept (zone-model parking system with limited time parking and heavy prices; decrease air and noise pollution – limiting the number of cars accessing the centre with the above mentioned measures.



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Activities

between 2000-2009

- **Renewal and modernisation of two bus-decentres:** in the Southern and in the Eastern part of the city. Both decentres are situated in densely populated zones.
- **Accessible buses:** introducing low deck city buses as a part of the bus-stock renewal.
- **Bus tickets for mobile phone:** Started in January, 2009, the users of public transport service can easily buy their daily or monthly tickets by using their mobiles. Not only individuals but families can buy their tickets (parents can buy the tickets from their bank account to the child's mobile).
- **„Dynamic bus stops”:** audio-visual bus stops are set as part of a pilot project jointly implemented with the Budapest Public Transport company. The operation of the bus-stops is based on GPS [global positioning system] have many functions: e.g.: shows the actual position of the buses on a city-map, also tells the info (accessibility), shown on the interface, the simplicity of usage allows users to easily access wide range of information.



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PÉCS2010



- At the moment, public transport is more than hectic in the city of Pécs
 - due to the **5 huge construction sites** for the European Capital of Culture.
 - Due to the **Sopianae Plan** (Sopianae: Roman name of the City): a huge public road projects affecting the area of the whole city (including 150 streets; not just main roads are involved in the project).
 - Due to the **construction of** the second and the third **underground car park** in the city centre (with almost 600 new parking lots).
 - Due to **constructing new hotels and shopping centres** for the year of the European Capital of Culture, Pécs2010.



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Future plans and ideas, ongoing projects

- **Ongoing projects:**

- Preparation of the **noise map** of the city of Pécs (Structural Funds)
- Preparation of the **air pollution modelling system** based on **GIS** [Geographical Information System] (Structural Funds)
- Preparation of **pheasibility studies, concepts and plans** connected to planned investments (Structural Funds)
- **Updating the Public Transport Concept** according to the transformed public transport needs, and according to sustainability

- **Future plans and ideas:**

- The idea of **resetting tram line** (tram line started in 1910 and closed following the II WW) is a hot topic again and again.
- **Closing the historic city centre** entirely from public transport as well or
- Introducing **electric driven buses** (but not trolley buses) in the city centre
- Continuing with the **extending of bicycle routes** within and out of the city



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Thank you for your attention

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