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Context and Purpose

From January 2010, ATC spa (bus operator in Bologna and Ferrara) and other public transport companies (bus and trains operators) of Emilia Romagna Region adopted a new fare and ticketing system named STIMER.

The system aims at integrating all the regional transport modes (bus and train) with the use of unique fare structure and an electronic ticketing system.

The ticketing system is based on contactless smart cards for seasonal tickets and magnetic technology for the other tickets.

One of the key success points of system is the creation of a widespread network of recharging points for seasonal ticket cards.

During the first half of 2011, ATC has developed a recharging system for seasonal tickets cards using the bank circuit of ATMs (Automatic Teller Machines). The new system started in August 2011 in concomitance with the period of the major renewal of annual tickets.

An important part for the system launch has been the information campaign. This deliverable shows the material produced for that campaign.

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The information campaign was addressed to seasonal ticket holders through different information channels:

- directly at home with information material
- on the buses and at the bus stops with information posters
- through e-mails to users registered to the ATC info-mail service
- through ATC official web site: http://www.atc.bo.it/ricarica
- through Emilia Romagna Region web site: http://mobilita.regione.emilia-romagna.it/mi-muovo-1

Hereafter there are reported some examples of the info material:

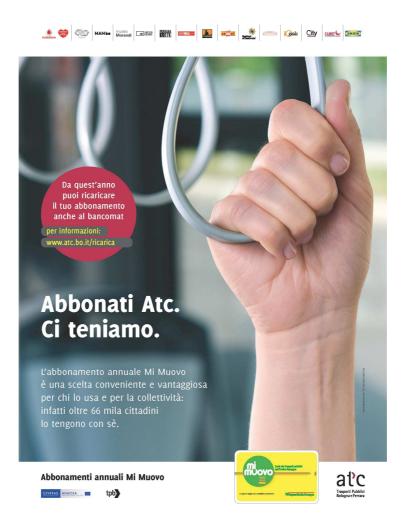


Figure 1 – Informative posters put on-board and at bus stops







Con l'abbonamento annuale Mi Muovo si entra a far parte di una rete sociale che ha scelto di muoversi tutelando l'ambiente, risparmiando risorse, generando vantaggi comuni.



Rete di trasporto, rete di relazioni



Figure 2 – Informative posters put on-board and at bus stops



 $Figure \ 3-Information \ leaflets \ sent \ to \ all \ seasonal \ ticket \ holders$

The launch of the system has been a great success also due to the fact it happened at the end of August, that is the period of major renewal of annual tickets.

The data collected about the number of cards recharged show that about 25% of the seasonal tickets that could be renewed without going to the ticket office were recharged by using this new system.

The graph below shows records grouped per week: about 4.300 annual tickets were recharged in the period.

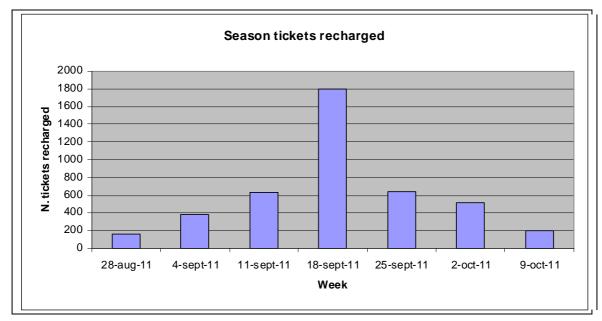


Figure 4 – Seasonal tickets recharged by using ATMs.

The service is available from August 2011 on all self service points of Unicredit (one of the major banks in Italy). From January 2012 also Intesa S. Paolo bank activated the service on its ATMs.

Functional Use

This deliverable shows the information campaign developed to launch the system. This campaign was a fundamental step for the success of the system and the further widespread of it.

Lessons learned

A proper information campaign is extremely important for the success of a new system.

The success of the launch of this recharge system demonstrates that with a complete and widespread information public transport users are ready to accept and use new technological solutions that allow to give them more opportunities and flexibility in the use of public transport services.

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