# TRansport Innovation for disabled People needs Satisfaction



# Project newsletter IV – we've done it!

In January 2023, we concluded the three-year TRIPS project. We are particularly proud about the great work that our working groups on the grounds in Bologna, Brussels, Cagliari, Lisbon, Sofia, Stockholm and Zagreb have accomplished. They were key in developing new solutions to remove barriers in urban public transport and share their experience on the TRIPS website: <u>https://trips-project.eu/about-the-project/</u>.

The MDI app – an app developed to implement the Mobility Divide Index – was field tested and allows to evaluate public transport services from the point of view of people with disabilities. The concept for a European Accessibility Observatory was developed and outlined in a White Paper. And the Lecco Declaration is open for signing. The Declaration outlines key principles that organizations can build on to implement accessibility and foster an understanding of how to shape future public transport models to become increasingly inclusive and accessible.

A big thank you to the city groups and all project partners!

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### The European Accessibility Observatory

The European Accessibility Observatory collates, and visualises detailed user feedback in ways that can be actionable for planning, running and managing urban mobility.

https://trips-project.eu/2023/02/02/the-european-accessibility-observatory-white-paper/

#### **Inclusive Digital Mobility Conference Recap**

The conference was co-organised by three EU funded sister projects: TRIPS, INDIMO and Dignity, sharing the goal of improving the accessibility of transport systems through inclusive policies, services and products. These three projects represent the most recent research aimed at making transport systems more equitable and inclusive by focusing on passengers' needs. At the core of these three projects is a focus on the citizens that are faced with the most barriers in using public transport: TRIPS addresses the specific needs and barriers encountered by travellers with disabilities; INDIMO and DIGNITY consider a wide range of groups, such as older people.

https://trips-project.eu/2022/12/29/inclusive-digital-mobility-conference-recap/

# TRIPS at the Transport Research Arena (TRA): one more signature for the Lecco Declaration

On 14 November, TRIPS partners presented the project at the Transport Research Arena (TRA) event in Lisbon. The joint session was hosted alongside Ride 2 Rail, focusing on the topic of accessibility.

https://trips-project.eu/2022/11/16/trips-at-the-transport-research-arena-tra-onemore-signature-for-the-lecco-declaratioin/

# Pilot testing of the MDI platform

The MDI platform is one of the most relevant outcomes of the TRIPS project and incudes the Mobility Divide Index app, which evaluates public transport services from the point of view of people with disabilities.

https://trips-project.eu/2022/10/26/pilot-testing-of-the-mdi-platform/

# The Lecco Declaration

The Lecco Declaration outlines key principles that organizations can build on to implement accessibility and foster an understanding of how to shape future public transport to become increasingly inclusive and accessible. It highlights the opportunities provided by new technologies in speeding up the process to achieve these goals and was developed in the framework of TRIPS, an EU project aiming to



remove barriers and make public transport more accessible for persons with disabilities, elderly voyagers, and really everyone.

https://trips-project.eu/2022/07/14/media-release-signing-of-the-lecco-declaration/

#### **More information**

More information on the TRIPS project: https://trips-project.eu/

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