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Joint Declaration for Sustainable Mobility

The North-West Europe INTERREG IVB Programme aims to improve connectivity and accessibility in North-West Europe by promoting intelligent and sustainable transport and advanced technological solutions. The Programme therefore provides funding to the projects BAPTS (Boosting Advanced Public Transport Systems), ICMA (Improving Connectivity and Mobility Access), and RoCK (Regions of Connected Knowledge). Each of these projects addresses an important aspect of urban, regional and cross-border transport. By covering major means of transport, BAPTS, RoCK and ICMA represent a complete chain of door-to-door sustainable mobility.

The three projects, encouraged by the Joint Technical Secretariat of the North-West Europe Programme, are eager to exploit their full potential. Our projects, therefore, intend to contribute to improved territorial cohesion in Europe through a shared, interactive agenda.

We agree that innovation, protection of the environment, sustainable urban development and better access to and from our regions and within North-West Europe are closely linked policy goals of the highest priority. Accessibility is also a crucial precondition for the economic competitiveness of our regions.

Our projects aim to make transport in our cities and regions more sustainable by reducing its environmental impact, by increasing efficiency in the use of natural resources, by enhancing economic performance, by bridging mobility gaps, and by improving the cooperation of all stakeholders. Effective and well-connected public transport solutions of good quality will play a crucial role in achieving these aims and in providing affordable, clean and secure mobility to our citizens in the future.

Therefore, on behalf of the three projects, we hereby declare:

- To actively work together to pursue effectively the goals of our projects through exchange of experiences, joint learning and other forms of trans-national cooperation;
- To promote the vision of effective and well-connected public transport within North-West Europe and to cooperate, as mutually useful, with other projects and initiatives;
- To play an active role in the North-West Europe Programme and to support policy initiatives for sustainable urban mobility, especially public transport;
- To carry out our cooperation in a cordial European spirit to the benefit of the most important stakeholders of our projects, the citizens in North-West Europe.

Signed on the occasion of the BAPTS Launch Conference in Bielefeld, on 12 May 2009.

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