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Transports Publics 2016, the European Mobility Exhibition:

**Five European ‘Talents’ honoured for
their professional abilities
and their commitment to sustainable mobility**

The “Talent in Mobility” awards were presented on Wednesday June, 15 during Transports Publics 2016, the European Mobility Exhibition. The aim of the Talent in Mobility awards is to honour women and men from across Europe who are contributing to the growth of public transport and sustainable mobility. Five professionals from three different countries received awards for their skills, commitment and accomplishments in favour of sustainable mobility.

The panel, consisting of journalists from the trade press across Europe (Ferpress - Italy, Nahverkehr praxis - Germany, OV Magazine - Netherlands, Passenger Transport - UK, Transport Public - France, Viajeros - Spain) made the awards in four categories: the best young ‘Talent’, the best project manager, the best manager, and a special career service award. Internet users also played their part, with their ‘Talent’ elected following online voting for each of the candidates.

The five winners are as follows:

Best young Talent:

Romain Taillandier, engineering consultancy project manager for the Tram-T system design & build project, Systra - France.

This young mechanical engineer trained in Germany and the USA. Following a first experience in rolling stock, he joined Systra’s Track department in 2009. He was entrusted with project management for the construction contract for the T7 tramway track in Paris, then became technical coordinator for the transport system workpackage covering preliminary design work for the T10 line in Paris, for which he led a team of ten engineers working in different technical specialities.

In 2014 an international dimension emerged, with him coordinating infrastructure design production for the Olympic tramway in Rio, Brazil. Back in Europe, he became project manager in charge of general engineering consultancy for the design and construction of the Aarhus tramway in Denmark.

Today, he is a promising manager for SYSTRA’s Northern Europe Region, using his talents to develop urban transport in this area of the world.

Best project manager:

Iryna Ivanyshyn, head of the unit for implementing European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) projects for the municipal authority in Lviv - Ukraine.

Ms Iryna Ivanyshyn is the Head of the Project Implementation Unit within the Lviv Municipal Enterprise 'Lvivelectrotrans' (Ukraine) for the management of the 'LVIV PUBLIC TRANSPORT' project financed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

In 2012, three years after the start of the project, calls for tender had been put out for just one of the worksites, and none had started. Today, following Irina's arrival in September 2012, and after three and a half years of hard work, all six calls for tender have been completed, three projects are drawing to completion (loan refinancing, purchasing five used tramways from Germany, and the modernisation of 19 substations), two have been completed (the construction of substations and the delivery of seven tramways), and the last (renovation of the tramway depot) is due to be implemented in 2016.

Best manager:

Miguel Ruiz, managing director, EMT Malaga - Spain.

In 2002, after a career in management at Alstom, Miguel joined EMT, where he improved the effectiveness of the organisation and increased passenger numbers by 40%. In 2015, he spearheaded the opening of two new metro lines and reorganised the bus routes, resulting in a significant rise in the use of public transport. EMT has been seen as a model of excellence, thanks to the various innovations implemented by the company: ITS, the use of NFC, and so on. EMT was the first company to use NFC payment, and a large list of innovations, and is a reference for other operators. The company obtained prestigious awards, in service quality and approach to customers. Miguel Ruiz has set an example in the public transport sector in Spain, which is now taking up fresh challenges. Elected President of the Spanish public transport association in 2008, he encouraged the adoption of a law on the funding of public transport in Spain. This is now a hot topic on the political agenda.

Special career service award:

Régis Hennion, head of metros, tramways and engineering, Keolis - France.

With 40 years' experience in urban and suburban passenger transport in buses, tramways, metros and suburban trains, and a threefold background in planning, transport and business management, Régis Hennion is a key player in public transport. Graduating as an engineer from the prestigious Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées and a management school, in 1985 he took charge of expanding the Grenoble network, with the successful installation of the first two low-floor tram routes in the world. In 1995, he joined operations management for the Rennes network, and was involved in the launch of the city's automated metro. In the early 2000s, he went to Australia to become CEO of Hillside trains, Melbourne, operating six suburban train lines (150 trains in all). Mr Hennion joined the Keolis Group in 2005 as Director for Metros, Tramways and Engineering. He also heads up Keolis Conseil et Projets (KCP), the Keolis subsidiary that brings together and capitalises expertise in tramway and metro commissioning.

Web Users' Award:

Manel Ferri Tomás, mobility advisor for the Barcelona city district - Spain.

Manel Ferri has shown an undeniable commitment to promoting sustainable and safe mobility in the centre of social and political life, first in Catalonia first and later across Spain. Over the last 16 years, he has been fostering company mobility plans in union organizations, legislation, urban mobility plans, and in companies, and he is an expert in the mobility of social organizations. In 1993, he cofounded the PTP organization specializing in safe and sustainable mobility. From 2001 to 2008, as mobility manager of the CCOO trade union, he introduced mobility management strategies in the union. Since 2006 he has participated in the mobility plans for over 20 industrial areas, as well as in the master mobility plan of the Barcelona region. In 2005 he received an award from the environmental department of the Catalan government. From 2009 to 2014, as manager of the mobility Trade Union Institute for Work (ISTAS), he extended his ideas to the rest of Spain.

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