



Plans for the Future

- Closing date of current contract: 28 February 2002
- Final report/documents available by end March
- AFTER: nothing formally agreed yet
- BUT



New project - necessity

- The **White Paper** on “European Transport Policy for 2010: time to decide” (2001) underlines the need and the commitment to promote the identification and the dissemination of best practices in urban transport.
- Accordingly, to support urban transport policy within the next years, DG TREN needs to continue benchmarking activities on this issue.



New project - intention

- two years project duration
- conducted under study contract
- after publication in the OJ - open call for tenders

- based on experience and data gained in previous exercises
- ambitious: more cities involved



New project - methodology

- The exercise will be conducted by a consultant who will support the Commission in the organisation and management of the project.
- It will be supported by the setting-up of thematic Working Groups and site visits.



New project - scope

- The project will cover the whole field of mobility (public and private transport) in the EU and the Accession Countries
- It will involve all concerned and interested stakeholders (local/regional/national authorities, public transport operators, commercial companies, end-users associations,...) in a ‘bottom-up’ approach monitored by the Commission (assisted by the consultant).



New project - timing

- publication in OJ before summer break
- contract signed as soon as possible this year