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## EfficienCE Newsletter No.2

Welcome to the EfficienCE Newsletter & thank you for subscribing!

Our second newsletter includes:

- news from our project;
- a city in the spotlight - Vienna;
- news from our partners and
- upcoming events.

Until the next newsletter, follow us on social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)) and visit our [website](#)!

Greetings,

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# NEWS FROM THE PROJECT

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## Virtual partner meeting and transnational webinar

The two-day long virtual partner meeting was followed by a Transnational Webinar titled “Methods and use cases for data-based planning of energy efficient public transport infrastructure” and took place on 13 May 2020. It was a joint event with another [INTERREG Central Europe](#) project, [LOWCARB](#) and there were over 80 participants. While the first part covered the usefulness of data-based planning for public transport, the second part explored how to plan for energy efficient trolleybus infrastructure. >> Read more [HERE](#). (The link includes the presentations as well.)



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## How the COVID-19 pandemic affected our partners?

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The global pandemic affected both our project and our cities' transport system. Like in many places in the world, people lost their trust in the public transport and were advised against its usage. Here is a short overview how our partner cities dealt with the lockdown. >> Read more [HERE](#).

## CALL FOR USER FORUM APPLICATIONS



This call for applications for the EfficienCE User Forum aims to select 9 public transport authorities/companies that are interested in realizing a pilot or adopting managerial approaches in energy efficient public transport infrastructure. The selected authorities/companies will benefit from a knowledge transfer scheme with EfficienCE partners for these pilots or approaches. For more details, click [HERE](#).

## CITY IN THE SPOTLIGHT: VIENNA

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## First pilot, first results



Early indications show: half of the energy needed to run the Ottakring underground station comes from solar power around midday. Pilot project set to run for another 18 months. >> Read more [HERE](#) & watch the video [HERE](#)!

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## Vienna powers second subway station with brake energy converter



When underground trains arrive at Altes Landgut in a southern district in Vienna, braking energy is recovered for illumination and the electric devices at the station. >> Read more [HERE](#).

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# NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS

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## The Leipzig Transport Company purchased electric buses

The Leipzig transport authority (LVB) has ordered their first electric buses for use in regular service and awarded the contract to the Dutch manufacturer VDL Bus & Coach. They are to supply 21 e-buses to Saxony by the end of this year. >> Read more [HERE](#).



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## Pilsen Transport Company to test new trolleybus route



A dynamic charged (IMC) trolleybus on test route No. 19 is currently being tested in Pilsen. This test route combines two existing routes. It is expected in the next year to extend the existing trolleybus route No. 11 to be doubled in length and to replace existing diesel bus route No. 35.

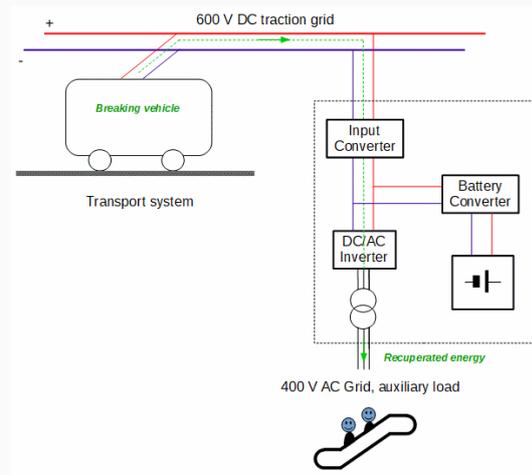


The section of route 19 where the battery ride takes place is mostly flat. On line 19, the trolleybus runs in the mode when the trolleybus is powered from the trolley 608 minutes per day and the battery mode is 307 minutes per day.

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## Investment in energy inverter system in Gdynia's trolleybus network

Within this project PKT Gdynia attempts to limit existing energy losses in the trolleybus traction network by retrieving unused recuperated braking energy generated by trolleybuses with the implementation of an energy inverter system which will divert this otherwise wasted energy to power the depot building. >> Read more [HERE](#).



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Conferences, events

- 30 Sept - 2 October: [9th European Conference on Sustainable Cities & Towns: Mannheim 2020](#). Registration is open.
- SAVE THE DATE! 29 Sept - 2 October 2020: [Urban Mobility Days](#) will go online. Registration opens soon.
- 3-5 November 2020: [Forum on Integrated and Sustainable Transport Systems](#), Delft (NL). Registration is open.
- SAVE THE DATE! 2-3 December 2020: [Annual Polis Conference](#), TBA.

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You can find more information about the project here:  
<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/EfficienCE.html>

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## Project partners



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