

Euro Access

For a European Accessibility for Public Transport for People with Disabilities

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Introduction to the Euro Access project

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From where we start

- Sixth Framework Programme
- Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area
 - Scientific Support to Policies
- Topic of the call: Quality of life issues relating to handicapped/disabled people (including equal access facilities)
 - Task: Accessibility of public transport systems for people with disabilities

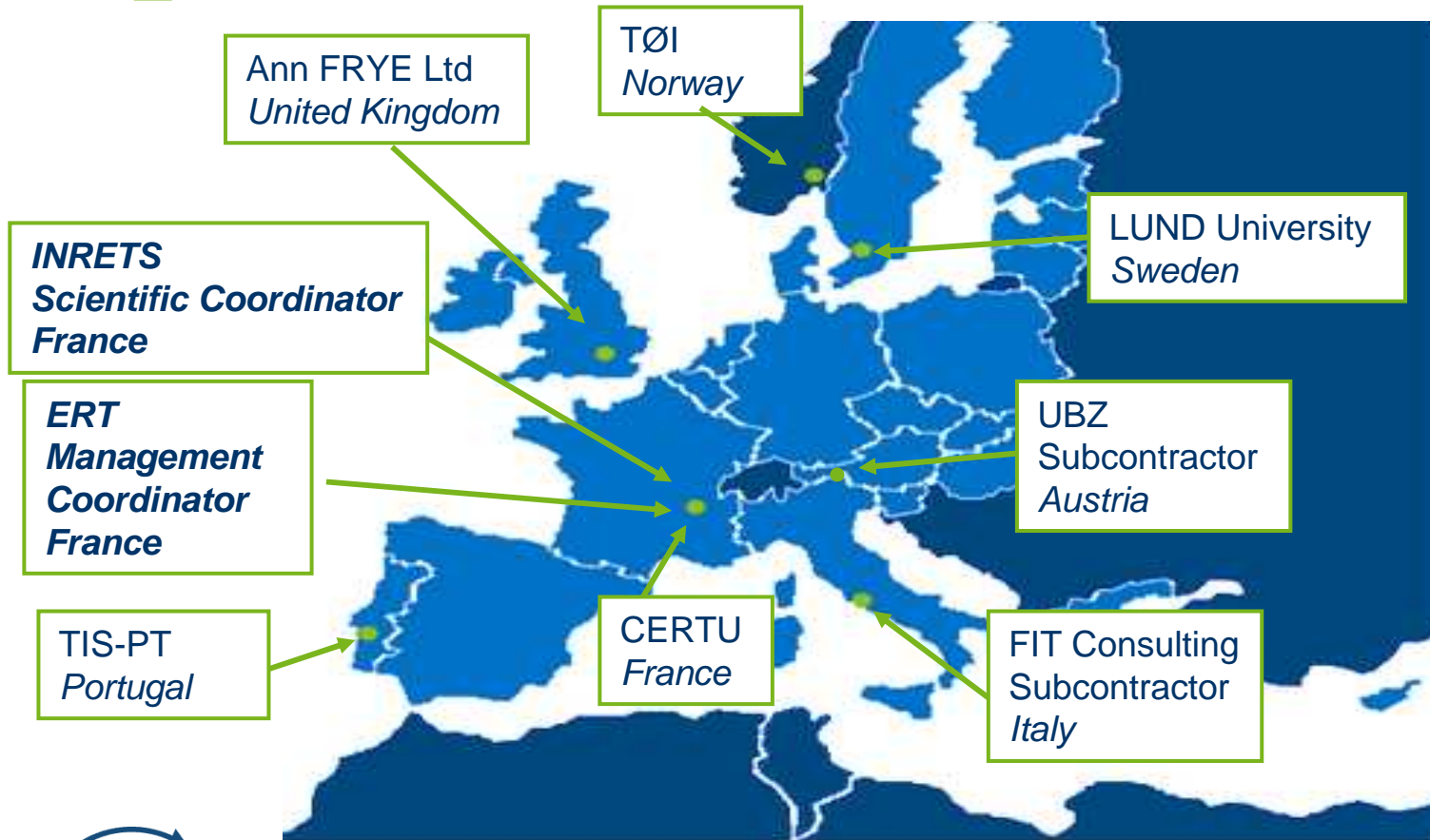


The context

- EU council of Lisbon 2000
 - The European Year of People with disabilities (2003)
 - A shift from the medical model of disability to a social based model
 - A human right-based approach to disability
- The project Euro Access: **For a European Accessibility of Public Transport for People with Disabilities** (24 months)



Euro Access partnership

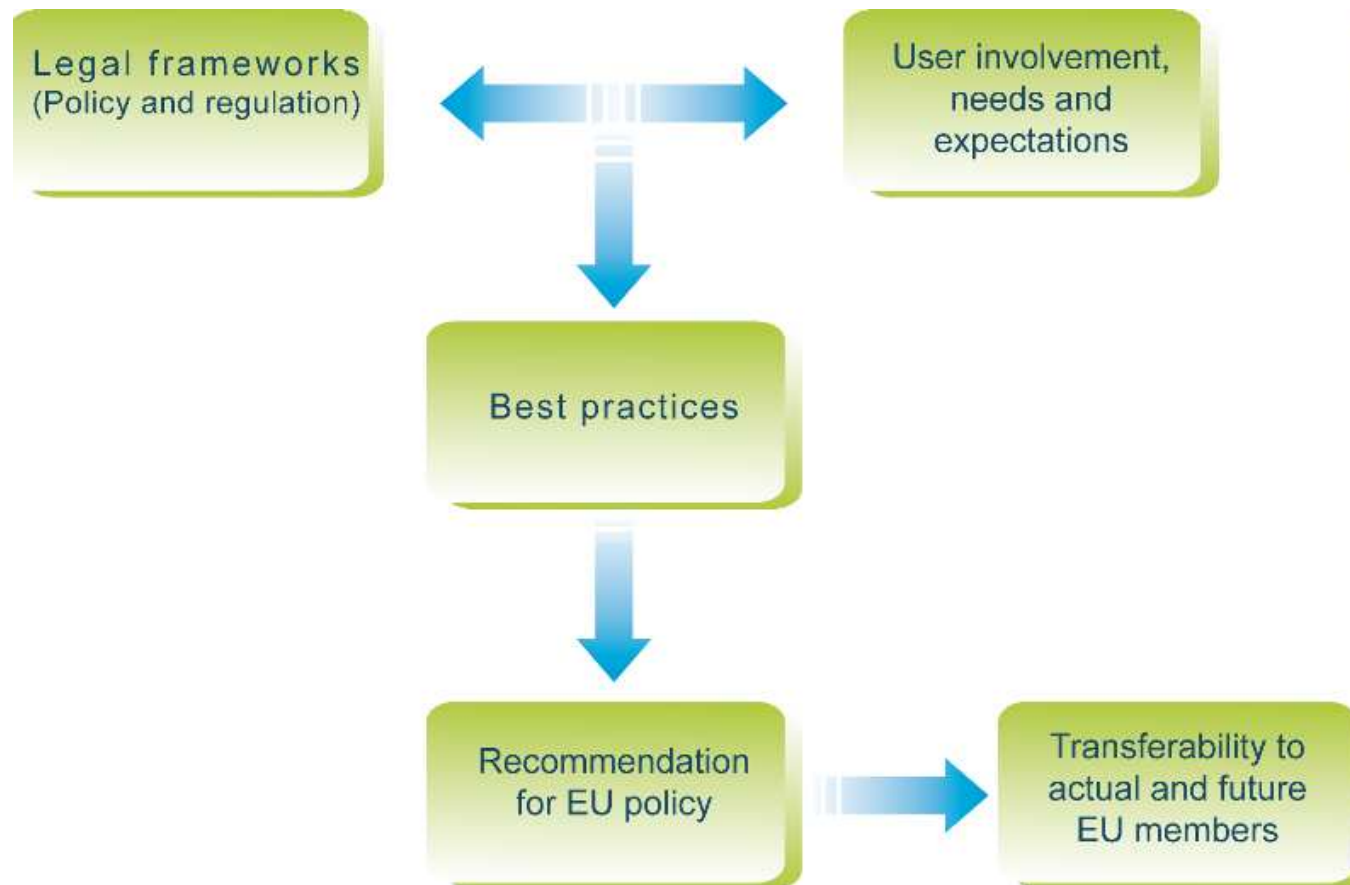


Main goals of Euro Access

- To make an inventory of current policies, legal frameworks and guidelines on accessibility of public transport systems in the 27 Member states + Norway and Iceland
- To raise awareness of user needs and expectations for accessible public transport for people with disabilities
- To highlight best practice in the EU on national policies, technical innovations, services provided
- To provide a framework for a EU policy on the accessibility of transport and recommendations for research



The Euro Access approach (1)



The Euro Access approach (2)

- Inclusion of relevant stakeholders
 - People with disabilities through organisations and NGOs
 - Public transport authorities
 - Policy makers
 - Statutory bodies
- Difficulties encountered
 - Language difficulties
 - Identification of relevant person, structure



Workshop Objectives

- To present the main outcomes of the Euro Access project
- To discuss the framework for EU policies
- To consider future perspectives in terms of policies and research



Presentation of Euro Access results

- **Review of current policies and regulation**
 - Merethe Dotterud, TØI
- **Users needs and expectation**
 - Anders Wrestrand, Lund University
- **Identifying best practices**
 - Ann Frye, Maryvonne Dejeammes, Ann Frye Ltd and CERTU
- **Recommendations framework to improve the accessibility of public transports in Europe for people with disabilities**
 - Carlos Marques, TIS.pt

