

CAR-SHARING – innovative solution for Greek cities

Workshop

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Hotel DIVANI Palace ACROPOLIS

19-25 Parthenonos, Athens Greece

- 9.00 Registration
- 9.30 **Welcome**
Ioannis Agapitidis, President of CRES
Konstantinos Mathioudakis, General Secretary for Energy and Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change
- 10.00 Opening Session
Car-Sharing in Greece: a Challenge or an Initiative?
Maria Zarkadoula, Head of Environment & Transport Department, CRES
- 10.20 **Car-Sharing - element of modern transport strategies - experience from Bremen and other European cities**
Michael Glotz-Richter, Coordinator of the European project "momo Car-Sharing".
- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.15 **Sustainable Mobility Issues for Athens**
Thanos Vlastos, Professor NTUA
- 11.30 **Roadmap for mobility in Athens within the next decade - from congestion to sustainable mobility**
A. Kopsachili, General Secretary of Hellenic Institute of Transportation Engineers (HITE).
- 11.45 **Pilot Program “Car-Sharing” in the city of Athens**
Efi Tritopoulou, Environment & Transport Department, CRES
- 12.10 **Questions and Discussion** on the key elements of a successful transfer of Car-Sharing in Athens

13.00

Lunch in the restaurant of the hotel DIVANI Palace ACROPOLIS

Car-Sharing – experience from European cities to be transferred in Greece

All European cities share the problem of having too many cars in a limited space. Congestion and parked cars constitute a major issue. For many cities the service of Car-Sharing is an existing innovative answer. Using a car whenever you need – instead of owning one: that is the principle of Car-Sharing.

Bremen, for instance, is a city of half-million inhabitants in the North of Germany and has already more than 5,000 customers of Car-Sharing. More than 1,000 private cars have been replaced by now, relieving the urban environment.

The modern fleet of the Car-Sharing operator helps to meet air quality standards and to reduce the CO²-impacts of transport. Car-Sharing supplements the Public Transport services and the Bremen cycle network.

Europe has about 400,000 Car-Sharing customers today. Bremen is a leading city in Car-Sharing development and has been invited to present its showcase as “Best Urban Practice” at the World Exhibition 2010 in Shanghai.

Bremen has initiated and is coordinating the European project “momo Car-Sharing” (more options for energy efficient mobility through Car-Sharing) in which CRES is a project partner.

CRES wants to present the potential benefits of Car-Sharing experience for Greek cities. Car-Sharing offers a chance to improve urban environment, to mitigate congestion and to reduce local and global emissions.

