

## **EPTS: Summer School 2024**

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# **Barrier-free, accessible, inclusive cross-border public transport**

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European integration brings regions closer together, even across borders. Public transport services and timetables need to be coordinated to establish smooth and smart travel chains from point to point. 15% of the European population have some kind of disability and many more people are exposed to barriers in specific situations like carrying heavy luggage, travelling with a stroller, a broken leg or broken glasses. Moreover, a different country often means a different language.

In our summer school we will take all this into account and discuss what is necessary for convenient cross-border public transport, which is barrier-free, accessible and inclusive. We will do this not only by the input of experts and people with disabilities but also by self-experience.

The city of Maribor is a picturesque gem in Slovenia, close to the Austrian border, combining tradition and modern lifestyle. Registration for the summer school is open for students of all academic levels (Bachelor; Master, Doctoral) and will start in September 2023. The results shall serve as a role model for a series of new summer schools in the following years. Furthermore, the results shall be reported to the European Commission and shall be applied to similar cross-border settings within the EU.

Further details about the organization, certification and cost contribution shall follow at the beginning of October 2023.