



Example 56 **Midibus-Service to Guarantee Accessibility to Medical Facilities**

City (country) **Prague (Czech Republic)**

good practice for people with ...	kind of vehicle	kind of measure/approach
... motor impairment ... visual impairment	city bus	engineering/technology approach organisational/operational support

Project description

In the Czech capital a regular bus within a narrow street city district (Karlovy area) has been introduced. The aim of the measure is to satisfy in particular the transport demands of people with reduced mobility. Within the Karlov area there are many medical centres and a hospital but the local street network made it inaccessible for standard public transport vehicles. Therefore, before the new service was launched, patients, visitors and employees of medical centres had to walk from far away underground stations or tram stops.

At first several routing options were tested and finally the current option was chosen because it met the requirements of specifically designed transport services but also served as a regular bus line for everybody. Because of the measure’s objectives and the narrow street network it was necessary to use easily accessible, small-sized vehicles – midibuses. Consequently there was a public tendering process on delivery of suitable vehicles.

The implementation of the new midibus line was preceded by local surveys and other discussions in order to specify the location of stops, traffic signs etc. The information campaign was launched in daily press and in magazines published by the Municipal District Authority.

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