

The capital of free public transport – inspired by others, inspiring others

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Basic figures

Population of Tallinn 450 075 (1st May 2018)

- City budget 700 Mio €
- Total fleet (buses, trams, trolleys) – ca 500
- PT budget – 53 Mio € in 2012, 67 Mio € in 2018
- 2012 tickets revenue 17 Mio €,
5 Mio € from non-residents
- Annual cost of free PT for residents
~12 Mio €



Why we did it?

Social aspects:

- Guaranteeing mobility to all residents

Economic aspects:

- Increasing labour mobility within the city limits
- Stimulating consumption of local goods and services

Green aspects:

- Modal shift from cars to PT



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In the beginning there was a referendum

- Plebiscite on free PT 19-25 March, 2012
- **Informing** and **involving** community into decision-making, thus **locking** the decision politically.
- **Yes** -75,5%, **No** - 24,5%

**FPT for the residents of Tallinn started
from 01.01.2013**



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Complex of measures

- Priority for PT: In summer 2012 expanded separated bus lanes network in city centre, total increase from 15 to 23 km
- Accountability: implementation of new PT contactless cards (from September 2012)

Parking tariffs up! Now 1H in Tallinn Old Town zone costs 6 EUR, in Centre 4.80 EUR/H



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Fiscal demography

New residents: registered population in City of Tallinn grew since April 2012 ca 35 000 persons

Result: increasing municipal revenues from personal income tax; every 1000 residents bring ca 1 Mio € into city budget

Cost of FPT (12 Mio) covered with surplus



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Mixed results in mobility

<10% growth of trips

6% decrease of traffic in city centre,
4% increase citywide



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Inspired by others, inspiring others

- Networking FPT cities, movements/activists and researchers
- conferences held in 2012 and 2013 in Tallinn (EE), 2014 Zory (PL), 2015 Avesta (SE), 2018 May in Tallinn again
- Dunkerque (FR) starting FPT for all from Sept 2018

Tallinn is not alone

- Torshavn, capital of Faroe islands (DK but not part of EU), has free for all PT
- German government named 5 piloting sites, incl former capital Bonn. Tübingen and Erfurt have indicated interest to become test sites.
- Paris city now in discussions

FPT goes nationwide in Estonia

- From 1st July 2018 in 9 or 10 counties (out of 15) bus lines will be free for all
- Current 70% subsidy in these counties grows to 100% (loss of ticket revenue 10 mln EUR, for adding frequency and new lines will be added 10 mln EUR extra)
- Estonia becomes first Free Public Transport nation
- If Harju county later joins the FPT Tallinn can not continue for a long 'free for residents only' PT

Thank You!

- Homepage with FTP conferences presentations, news and media coverage

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