

## **Transdev Formation approved as training centre for compulsory continued safety training**

*On 12<sup>th</sup> August last, the GIE Transdev Formation (economic interest grouping) was approved as a training centre for compulsory continued safety training (FCO) by the Préfet of Ile-de-France. This decision became effective on 10<sup>th</sup> September and concerns the Group's 10 training divisions in France.*

### **48 FCO certified trainers by the end of 2008**

In accordance with European legislation, from 10<sup>th</sup> September 2008, all road transport drivers are required to take continued safety training.

In order to be able to give this type of training to the drivers employed by the Group, the GIE Transdev Formation applied to the Préfet of Ile-de-France for approval.

This approval was granted on 12<sup>th</sup> August last, allowing 48 FCO certified trainers to train the drivers of the Group, whether they come from subsidiaries or semi-public companies (SEMs).

These trainers are former drivers or instructors who have been specially selected from the various companies. This offers them a real opportunity to develop their career within their company or other entities of the Group, using their skills – teaching skills in particular – and their expertise.

In the future, more than 11,000 drivers may receive training.

### **A teaching tool adapted to the specific features of the Group**

Over the last six months, ten trainers have been working on an outline teaching tool, a real "tool box" intended for FCO certified trainers.

Adapted to the particular issues of the networks, this teaching tool has been devised in accordance with the values of the Group and its corporate plan, particularly as far as the aspect of responsible driving is concerned.

It also takes account of the specific features of the activities of the different subsidiaries and semi-public companies: conflict management will be examined in more depth by a trainer in an urban network than a trainer in a mountain network, for example.

### **The GIE Transdev Formation in short:**

- The GIE Transdev Formation was created in March 2006
- 10 Regional Training Divisions organised in the form of secondary establishments
- An annual budget of 2,500 KE
- 4,000 people trained each year within the Regional Training Divisions
- From 2008, compulsory continued safety training will involve between 3,000 and 4,000 drivers every year.

### **The Transdev Group in brief:**

Transdev, subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts, is the 4<sup>th</sup> private operator of public transport in Europe.

With 12 tramway networks (Grenoble, Madrid, Melbourne, Montpellier, Mulhouse, Nantes, Nottingham, Orléans, Strasbourg, Tenerife, Utrecht and Valenciennes), 2 networks under construction (Edinburgh, Reims), and 2 metros in operation (Porto, Genoa), Transdev is a world leader on this market.

Present in 9 countries, in Europe and in Canada and Australia, Transdev provides transport to more than 1.2 billion passengers a year.

The Group manages a fleet of more than 20,000 vehicles, including 15,000 coaches and buses, 1,000 tramways, 90 metro units, 30 trains, 70 trolleys, 40 river shuttles and 4,000 transport on demand vehicles, a market on which Transdev is the European leader.

Transdev employs over 41,000 people, managing a turnover of 3.3 billion euros in 2008.

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