

# Is the Passenger the customer/user of stations ?

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# Who is European Passenger Federation, EPF

**18 countries** 

**33 member organisations** 

In contact with EU and national governments

Train, tram, metro, bus, boat passengers

Exchanges of experiences over borders on all passenger related issues





www.epf.eu



## Stations are much more than hardware!

Passengers entering trains, getting off trains, changing trains, waiting

Working sites for staff, shops, services providers

Playing a role in the city and being a center for multimodal transfer





### Passengers – a factor missing

Passengers were - until now - not a major player in the planning process

Passengers have needs and desires which lie outside the focus of the project developer/provider

Some services are even not provided





### **Stakeholders in the station Process**



#### Modern station Poor passenger facilities on platform Halle Belgium

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#### Good connection train-tram example Freiburg im Breisgau

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