The Blekinge Trip
Blekinge, Sweden

Summary
During The Blekinge Trip, groups of 12 years old children travel for a day within their region with buses and trains. They learn to plan their trip with their teacher and they report their trip by delivering a poster or a film to the public transport provider.

The project was launched in 1998 in the municipality of Helsingborg and 10,000 children have been on the Skåne trip during 10 years.

In 2011, taking inspiration from Helsingborg, the city of Karlskrona, the Swedish Transport Administration, Blekingetrafiken (local public transport provider) and the Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden did a pilot implementation of the Blekinge trip in spring 2011 for 2 school classes.

Aims and Objectives of this Sustainable Transport Action
The aims of The Blekinge Trip are:
- to teach the travellers of tomorrow how to travel with public transport,
- to demonstrate for children alternative means of travel other than the parents’ car
- and to train children on how to use a map, timetable and online travel planners to plan a journey with public transportation.

The Blekinge Trip gives:
- experience in planning and how far you can travel within a day,
- regional geography, history and culture depending on the destination,
- training teamwork,
- training in documentation.

Results and Impacts
Start Date: Spring 2011
2 classes of 12 years old pupils are traveling during one day each
Cumulative investment made by stakeholders in sustainable transports (kEuro):
- The public transport provider provides daily transport cards, as well as few working hours, approx. 10 euros/region day access pass.
- The school teacher and leader spend some planning time.
- The Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden ran the project.
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Technical and Financial Implementation
The project is proposed/presented to schools’ pedagogical team. Teachers subscribe the classes that want to take part. Within each class, groups of 4–7 pupils choose and learn to plan themselves a travel route within the region for a day. At least two geographical locations have to be visited. Pupils should use both city and regional buses, as well as train. Each group report their impressions from the trip through PowerPoint, poster, film.

In Helsingborg they send the information about schools projects (among other Skåneresan) in August. Teachers subscribe in September. In February teachers that want to participate are invited to an information meeting. Groups send their travel route and tickets are provided during the spring.

The Partners and Stakeholders
Blekingetrafiken (the regional public transport provider), the Swedish Transport Administration, the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and the city of Karlskrona. Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden was the initiator of the project.

Lessons Learnt
The Blekinge Trip teaches children – the travellers of tomorrow – how to travel with public transport and how to plan a trip with public transport (local and regional buses as well as trains) by using time tables/online trip planners. Children also actually experiment and learn how to travel by bus and train.

The project has during 10 years shown good results in the municipality of Helsingborg. In 2002, the city of Helsingborg won the best environmental project prize from the Swedish municipalities’ association.

How this Action could be Replicated
How to transfer to another region:

- Contact the municipality and the public transport provider and agree on the outline of the project, responsibilities and financing
- Contact school headmasters and teachers of 12 years old pupils before the school year starts to present the project and ask them to apply
- Plan an event/exhibition to expose the documentation (poster, films) produced by the pupil groups.

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