



## PRESS RELEASE

1/10/2015

### TAXIstars final conference in Athens: Promoting innovative training practices for professional taxi-drivers

A highly successful and fruitful closure event for the EU co-funded project TAXIstars took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 in Athens, Greece. A number of key actors, including the TAXIstars international partnership, policy makers, representatives from the taxi sector who were invited, presented their experiences on the state-of-the-art in education trends for professional taxi-drivers across the European Union. During the first key session, the innovative training provision of TAXIstars has been demonstrated as developed and made available in an online platform, mobile devices, as well as printed version.

All rapporteurs stressed the importance of well-designed and user-friendly training for taxi-drivers, fully in line with the special characteristics of the profession and its demanding everyday schedule. Focusing on training topics such as ergonomics, personal safety, emergency case management, social interaction and quality services issues, conflict management, the TAXIstars training programme, available anywhere and anytime in 7 languages, corresponds fully to the need for high-quality services, and a safe, competitive profession. Future prospects in taxi-driver training and examination have been also explored, involving the taxi and road transport experts of the project partnership, the International Road Transport Union (IRU), BZP in Germany, TTI in Austria, and STL in Finland.

The TAXIstars conference has been organised by the Hellenic American Union and the International Road Transport Union. Militos Consulting S.A. in Greece is the project coordinator.

Click [here](#) for free access to the TAXIstars e-learning platform for PC, and smartphone/tablet mobile devices.

Find out more about TAXIstars [here](#)

TAXIstars ([www.taxistars.eu](http://www.taxistars.eu)) is an EU co-funded project which has been set up by 8 organisations and companies coming from Greece, Belgium, Austria, Germany, Finland, Italy, and Cyprus.

The TAXIstars partnership – a mix of experts in the taxi- and transport-sector, in vocational education and training, technical experts, have worked together to develop high quality, free training material that taxi-drivers could easily follow in an online (PC/laptop) platform, and also through smartphone and tablet application, anytime and anywhere.



This project has been funded with support from the European Commission.

This communication reflects the views only of the author, and the Commission cannot be held responsible for any use which may be made of the information contained therein