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Speaker Qualifications

Between 2005 and 2009, Ben Lode was in charge of the dynamic passenger information system DAISY of Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG).

Since 2009, he has worked at Verkehrsverbund Ost-Region (VOR) in the planning department. He is responsible for public transport GIS data and is working in the project VOR-RBL.

Real Time Information in Rural Areas

Verkehrsverbund Ost-Region (VOR) is the coordinator for regional public transport services in the Vienna Region, a region with almost 4 million inhabitants. Besides providing the integrated tariff system, VOR considers passenger information one of its main obligations. Since VOR started operation of the internet journey planner (EFA) in 1999, mobility information was extended and improved step by step (maps, multimodality, real time information etc.) Real time information is published at stops, via internet and mobile applications such as “qando”, but, so far, is only available for bus and tramway lines of Wiener Linien.

The next step is to provide area-wide real time information for the entire region VOR is responsible for. The basis is the collection of real time data of every bus operator. Therefore, VOR decided to start the project VOR-RBL and to build up a central Automatic Vehicle Location system (AVL), which bus companies may take part in. If bus companies operate their own AVL, they should deliver real time data via standardised interfaces.

The presentation will describe VOR objectives regarding real time information in rural areas, the status of the project VOR-RBL and will discuss possible media to publish real time information.