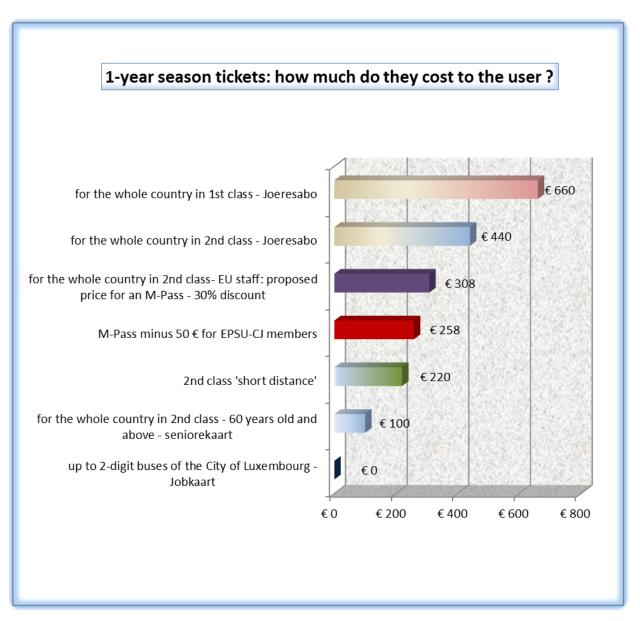




M-Pass

On 13/09/2013, the Staff Committee announced the launch of the M-Pass, which covers all means of public transport throughout the country and is offered to the colleagues in EU institutions with a 30% discount on the normal yearly fare in force (*Joeresabo*).



Thus, EPSU -CJ's demand (see our <u>2010 elections program</u>) is finally satisfied. EPSU -CJ fully supports this egalitarian formula, which is likely to be of interest to colleagues regardless of their place of residence. However, this news has raised neither a wave of enthusiasm nor a rush to the markings (*>the deadline is 15 October* 2013 ≼).

While the institution's Staff Committee may well intervene to inform staff, it is the institution itself, which became a **partner** of the Luxembourg body, the *Verkéiersverbond*, which was committed, under the partnership agreement which they signed together, "to promote public transport and comprehensively address the issue of all travel related to its working."

This is what EPSU -CJ invites the institution to do: Can it kindly set out what is its policy on staff commuting?

Does it see any link between the M- Pass and the <u>carbon footprint</u>, which shows that 47% of greenhouse gas emissions are owed to travel (without taking into account those which arise from the car-parking of the institution)?

Does it see any link with the anticipation of a future shortage of parking spaces? And of the need to manage disputes that sooner or later, may arise?

According to its own <u>leaflet</u>, "The Verkéiersverbond recommends to the company's / administration's management to give to all its employees who apply for an M-Pass an additional discount of at least 20%."

EPSU -CJ, for its part, wishing to avert a failure of the long-awaited M- Pass, is ready to refund € 50 per year to its members who subscribe to the M- Pass*.

* or (for the sake of equal treatment) to season tickets covering at least the same area (with the exception of the *Seniorekaart* which, for those aged 60+, only costs 100 €).

Furthermore, EPSU -CJ invites the institution to pay its own share.