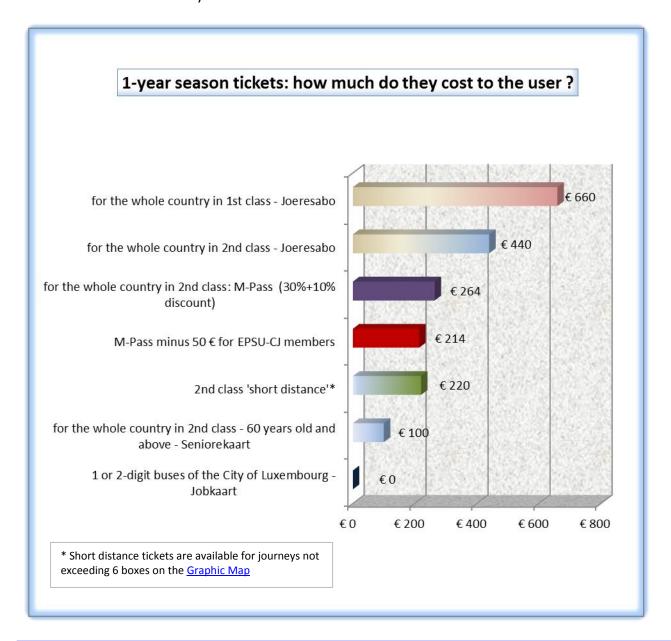




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## **mPass 2015**

The <u>mPass</u> is a season ticket which covers all means of public transport throughout the country. For EU-staff, the Luxembourg authorities offer a 30% discount on the normal yearly fare (<u>Joeresabo</u>), while the Court of Justice has recently decided to subsidize its own staff with an additional 10%.



For the first year of its introduction to the EU institutions, the **mPass** has raised neither a wave of enthusiasm nor a rush to the markings: 375 season-ticket holders on the whole, of whom 59 at the Court of Justice, while, to justify the 30% discount offered by Luxembourg, season-ticket holders must reach a total number of 1000 in 3 years.

Under the partnership agreement which it signed together with the <u>Verkéiersverbond</u>, the Luxembourg joint body for Transport, the institution was committed "to promote public transport and comprehensively address the issue of all travel related to its working."

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%." The Court of Justice has just decided to give a 10% subsidy, which means € 44 per capita, so that the amount left to be paid by the user is reduced to € 264; still more expensive than the <u>'short distance'</u> yearly ticket, which costs only € 220.

Supposing that 100 people apply for mPass for 2015, they will cost to the Court's budget € 4400. For the same year, the Court will pay for the *Jobkaart* € 45 218.36. EPSU CJ considers that equal treatment requires the institution to pay the same amount for each public transport season-ticket holder.

EPSU -CJ, for its part, refunds € 50 per year to its members who subscribe not only to the mPass, but also to a cross-the-border season ticket (RegioPass or others), in case the mPass is ineffective for them. Furthermore, EPSU –CJ has just run a survey specifically focusing on cross-the-border commuters, whose results will be published shortly.

► deadline for applying for an mPass for 2015: 15 October 2014 <