

Activity 2 – Common Tram Design Standards and DDA/RVA

Problem identified : The DDA and RVA regulations and their interpretation have increased costs. The adoption of a standard specification for accessibility should reduce costs.

Scope of Work : Review output of the Libertin access working group.

Review legislative issues in the UK, ie : DDA and RVA.
Do they impose additional constraints? Why should standard European practice not apply?

Make recommendations for changes to standards and the RVA as appropriate.

Ensure harmonisation with the proposed Urban Rail Directive.

Consult with manufacturers to ensure proposals are practical and cost effective.

Timescale : 6 months for study and recommendations, plus at least 12 months for subsequent consultation with disability groups and DfT, and for legislative changes, if necessary.

Likely Benefits : Reduced cost of tram production for the UK.

Reduced risk of late delivery of trams.

Harmonisation with EU standards

Potential for inter-operability with other EU tramways

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