

Crisis in public transport and climate will be a subject of debate at COP 27

Idec will coordinate the panel about best practices in public transport management, solutions for the financial crisis, and quality of service

On November 17, during the COP 27, United Nations Climate Conference, the Idec, a Brazilian consumer rights NGO, will coordinate the panel discussion "Inclusive and sustainable mobility: how local best practices can influence good actions of the federal government". The activity will take place at the Brazil Climate Action Hub organized by the Brazilian civil society, in the city of Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt, at 12:30 pm (Brasília time) and 5:30 pm (local time).

On the occasion, the following will be discussed: good practices in public transportation management; solutions to the financial and service quality crisis the sector is going through; and the impact these actions can bring to reduce pollutant emissions and the fare paid by passengers.

Some Brazilian cities, such as Rio de Janeiro, Campinas, and São José dos Campos, are already adopting new ways of managing public transportation contracts. This includes splitting the bus company contract, one being specific for service management and another for fleet acquisition (allowing the city government to decide to purchase electric buses), and the city government's control over the revenue acquired from the payment of the fare by electronic ticket.

"This way, it's expected it will be possible to expand the electric fleet, seek new sources of resources to defray the service and lower the fare, in addition increase local government's control capacity over service quality and their budgets," explains Rafael Calabria, coordinator of Idec's Urban Mobility Program. According to him, the experience of these cities is encouraging the federal government to create a new legal framework for public transportation in Brazil, to guide other municipalities to adopt the changes.

Thus, Idec will present, during the activity, its performance as a representative of civil society in federal debates about the new regulatory framework for transportation.

He will also talk about experiences in the cities he has been following. The table will also have the participation of Casa Fluminense, representing the organized civil society that works for the improvement of transportation management in Rio de Janeiro; the São José dos Campos City Hall, that will talk about its innovation experience; technicians from the Ministry of Regional Development, that will bring the vision of the federal public power about the theme and the network of organizations Mobilise Your City, which will bring international examples of cities and countries that are advancing the agenda for more sustainable and inclusive transportation.