



Carris launches car-sharing scheme



The 'Mob Carsharing' scheme by Carris hopes to reduce car use in Lisbon by offering a vehicle rental service paid by the hour. Users will have to be holders of a 'Lisboa Viva' card and will initially have twelve cars at their disposal, parked in several locations throughout Lisbon, that can be used with the card.

With the current economic uncertainty and growing climate concerns, the 'Mob Carsharing' is an ideal solution to reduce car use in cities and deter people from purchasing new vehicles. Compared to private ownership, users of the 'Lisboa Viva' card can save up to €4,000 a year if they do not exceed 15,000km a year with their

current vehicle. The calculations were made taking into account the value of the vehicle, its maintenance, insurance, fuel, taxes and parking costs.

Using this service is simple as well: twelve cars will be parked throughout the city, at designated locations, and users will have to book in advance. When they ar-

rive, their 'Lisboa Viva' card will unlock the car and from then on will have to pay an hourly fee to use it. The car must be returned to its initial location.

President of Carris Administration Board, José Silva Rodrigues, said "It is an innovative service in terms of urban mobility and is sure to succeed", adding "It is as sim-

ple as withdrawing money from a cashpoint: you only have to book a car and unblock it with a card."

The cost to use this service is €55 for each application and €5.5 per hour for the first hour and €2.5 for following hours. The service has a yearly fee of €84 but the first 200 to subscribe will not have to pay it.