

Mr Sørensen spoke about

"the political mandate given to the EC by the Heads of State and Government after the Madrid bombing of mass transportation and the Group of High Personalities on security research in FP7. The former had asked the Commission to enhance the level of security in all modes of transport. This job has been done for maritime and aviation and freight sectors both regarding research and legislation but no legislation and no funding outside FP7 has been earmarked for mass transportation, i.e. urban/public transport despite the movement surpasses that of aviation by more than factor 100.

With the number of busses registered in the EU every year being measured in hundreds of thousands imagine what alone the CCTV camera value of this market is worth! That was what the Group of High Personalities explicitly said European security research should aim at - help the European industry to this potential market. In parts of Asia and in the USA the setting of standards in a direct cooperation between industry, user and suppliers and authorities is already common place for mass transportation. In the EU we still do not have the first major RTD project!

The word "mass transportation" means linguistically, in all EU languages, where the "masses" are travelling. This is not where 1% travels. If we decide to fund non-mass transport RTD projects under this call we will clearly have gone beyond the mandate set out by our political masters and what our leading industrialists/personalities set us out to pursue.

The US investment in urban transport (mass transit) compared to a domestic flight security was 1:800 yet no such study has been done in Europe. A compilation of RTD studies in public transport has shown that no comprehensive nor any major EU study has been commissioned so far."