



## “European Mobility Week”

### **Barraqueiro Group applauds award to the city of Almada**

- **Fertagus and MST worked with Almada Municipal Council on the program of sustainable mobility promoting events that won a European Commission award.**

**Lisbon, 2 March 2009** - The Barraqueiro Group, the largest suburban and interurban road passenger transport operator on the Iberian Peninsula, wishes to congratulate Almada Municipal Council on being awarded second prize by the European Commission in the context of “European Mobility Week 2008”. The competition recognises the efforts made by local authorities to promote more sustainable mobility, an essential factor in the economic development of the regions and citizens’ quality of life.

Selected as one of the three finalists for the European Commission Award out of 66 participating cities, Almada rubbed shoulders with Budapest (Hungary), the overall winner, and Zagreb (Croatia), and saw the efforts of its Municipal Council in bringing together local operators rewarded. These operators included FERTAGUS and MST (Metro Sul do Tejo), Barraqueiro Group companies, and the aim was to carry out a number of actions promoting sustainable mobility. These actions became more visible during “European Mobility Week”(16-22 September), under the general theme “*Clean air for all*”.

FERTAGUS that operates and manages the North/South rail link including the Tagus crossing through the 25th April Bridge, and MST, South Tagus light railway network operator, are proud to have played an active part in this program, for example, by offering trips in exchange for rubbish and by allowing their premises to be used for a number of events. They confirmed their intention to continue to contribute to sustainable mobility throughout the year.

#### **About the Barraqueiro Group:**

The Barraqueiro Group, which can trace its origins back to the business started by Joaquim Jerónimo in 1915, is currently the largest suburban and interurban road passenger transport operator on the Iberian Peninsula. It has over 4800 employees and 2700 vehicles, that make up its road, light railway and rail passenger networks and its road freight fleet.

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