

08_ BEST PRACTICE FOR CITIZENS

The **BI-BO** project is promoted by a group of active citizens called "Primavera urbana" (Urban Spring) with the aim of making Bologna a city more welcoming, cleaner, richer in cultural opportunities and socialization. With own resources, the group purchased an electric *rickshaw* and put it at the disposal of citizens, with the help of volunteers cyclists who carrying, for free, all the people who need to travel within the historical city center.

The BI-BO vehicle is a *rickshaw* with some special technical features:

- It is reclined (sitting more comfortable than a traditional bicycle)
- It has 3 wheels (for the benefit of stability)
- It is able to carry - in addition to the driver - two people and their bags
- It is electric assisted pedal (which is acceptable, especially when loading large)
- It is faired (for maximum protection in case of rain)
- It is equipped with a photovoltaic panel on the roof, in order to charge partially the battery of the electric motor increasing its autonomy.



No monetary compensation can be accepted, but citizens can support the purchase of additional rickshaw to enhance the service by making a voluntary donation. Just for this reason there is a clear bank account accessible from the site www.bi-bo.it.

Each volunteer cyclist can devote the time he wants and he can. It is welcome even a minimum commitment, as long as regular. Everybody can stop BI-BO along the road and hitch a ride.

The initiative was welcomed by dealers who are displaying a poster advertising the project. With BI-BO citizens can be carried directly in front of shops in the center.

Bi-Bo is also available on Friday and Saturday nights to provide free transport even in the most dark and less busy streets of historical city center.

Long-term objectives are:

- to promote the expansion of the BI-BO transport network
- to develop alternative public transport and eco-friendly;
- to promote the traffic limitation of the old town;
- to promote the socialization;
- to make the center safer and less degraded;
- to create new job opportunities for students, unemployed and migrant workers
- to make BI-BO a project supported by the public administration.

Box of Advice:

- Purchase rickshaw with private sources
- To catch volunteer cyclist
- Accept voluntary donation only by bank account

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