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Swiss public transport award FLUX awarded for the 10th time

Delémont named "Golden Transport Hub"

Delémont is the most innovative and customer-friendly medium-sized transport hub in Switzerland. The capital of the canton of Jura, was today awarded the "FLUX – Golden Transport Hub" winner's prize in Berne, outrivaling competition from Dornach-Arlesheim, Interlaken West and Wettingen in the final.

The "FLUX – Golden Transport Hub" prize is one of Switzerland's most prestigious mobility awards. The FLUX prize rewards municipalities that make life easier for commuters and passengers. The jury consisting of eleven Swiss public transport experts chooses a different main theme each year. This year, it examined 40 medium-sized transport hubs with 5,000 to 10,000 boarding and alighting passengers every day. The focus was on passengers' needs. Is it easy for them to find their way around and, in turn, easy to change? Is the hub also suitable for cyclists and pedestrians, and is it accessible, making it suitable for people with disabilities? The final contenders for the 2016 main prize were Delémont (JU), Dornach-Arlesheim (SO/BL), Interlaken West (BE) and Wettingen (AG). The most convincing hub, however, turned out to be Delémont.

A delegation headed by Mayor Damien Chappuis today accepted the bronze statuette at Berne's Westside. The winning municipality also receives CHF 5,000. The award ceremony was held as part of PostBus's Movimento Forum for Mobility. The way in which Delémont's train station seamlessly connects the various means of transport, including trains, buses, bicycles and private transport, convinced the jury led by APT Director Ueli Stückelberger. And with its harmonious architecture, services, shops and restaurants, the area is an attractive place for visitors to spend time in, not least thanks to the new bus station that was opened on 24 September.

FLUX is sponsored by PostBus, the Swiss Association for Transport and Environment (ATE) and the Swiss Association of Public Transport (APT) and was awarded for the tenth time this year. Previous winners were: Visp (2007), Baden (2008), Frauenfeld (2009), Horgen (2010), Renens and Wil (2011), Zurich Airport (2012), Interlaken East (2013), Scuol (2014) and Wallisellen (2015).

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Images:

-Delémont train station with new bus station. (photo: Philippe Gasser, Citec Ingénieurs Conseils)

-Presentation of the FLUX award to Delémont in Berne on 1 December 2016. (photo: PostBus)

Link: www.postbus.ch/flux (the detailed jury report is also available here)

The FLUX jury

President: Ueli Stückelberger (Swiss Association of Public Transport, APT); members: Caroline Beglinger (Swiss Association for Transport and Environment, ATE), Andreas Budliger (PostBus), Michael Bützer (Association of Swiss Municipalities), René Böhlen (LITRA), Philippe Gasser (Citec Ingénieurs Conseils SA), Remo Petri (Procap), Robert Riesen (Line Up), Peter Vollmer, Roman Widmer (Swiss Union of Cities and Towns) and Andreas Wirth (vorausgedacht GmbH).