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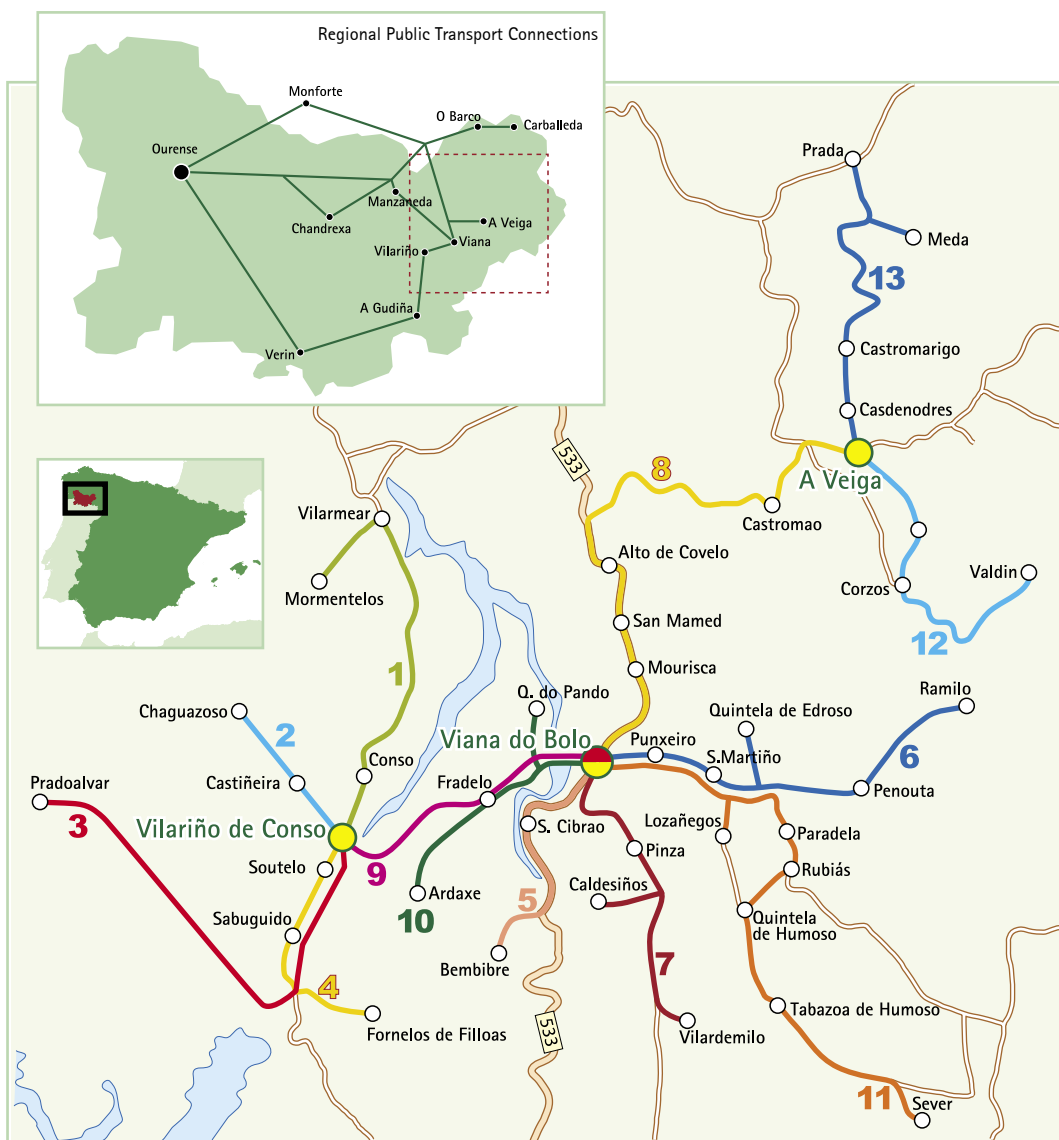
Ruto

School-Regular Transport Integration in Rural Areas

RUTO took place in the region of Galicia, Spain, in three municipalities in the east of the province of Ourense, a very rural and sparsely populated area. Its 6,000 people live in 74 villages or hamlets, most of them with fewer than 50 inhabitants. More than half of the population is over 60 years old and schools are open only in the main towns. Nevertheless, school transport is well-funded by the state and contracted to local operators. In many cases school buses and mini-buses travel with a significant number of empty seats. Legal issues and lack of co-ordination between government departments (education and transport) mean

that usually only students can use the school services. The RUTO demonstration aims to integrate regular and school transport using under-utilised school bus capacity.

Since January 2003, 13 school services with stops in 36 villages, most of them without public transport, allow all kind of passengers to board school buses to travel to the 3 main villages, arriving early in the morning and leaving in the afternoon, according to school timetables.



Ruto Data

- 13 Buslines
- 318 Total capacity
- 161 Students
- 157 Capacity for non students

Legend

- Primary School
- Primary and Secondary School
- Stop



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