



MOBILITY ON TOP!

EUROPEAN MOBILITY MANIFESTO 2019

PUBLIC TRANSPORT MUST BECOME A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

UITP represents more than 450 public transport operators and authorities in all EU member states. As we approach the next European elections, it is time for decision-makers to recognise the major role public transport plays in the life of our cities. The sector directly provides employment for more than two million people in the EU. People are at the heart of public transport and moving around our cities must be a priority. UITP is therefore calling on the forthcoming EU decision-makers to lead with public transport by placing “Mobility On Top” of the agenda. By driving policy towards more innovative, sustainable and multimodal collective mobility services in Europe, we can place [#MobilityOnTop](#)! At UITP, we pledge to actively support the next EU legislators to:

POLICY

ENSURE MOBILITY IS ON TOP OF ALL RELEVANT NEW EU POLICIES

Public transport and sustainable mobility should be part of all policy areas. The development of sustainable urban mobility is reaching far beyond the transport sector. Many initiatives across a range of policy domains, including climate change, urbanisation, digitalisation, access to data, automation, social affairs, competition or accessibility have direct or indirect impacts on urban mobility and citizens’ daily travel behaviours. It is therefore crucially important to better understand and assess the positive impact of any new policy initiative on urban and regional mobility.

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FINANCING

PRIORITISE AN URBAN SHIFT IN THE EU BUDGET FOR MOBILITY INVESTMENTS

The EU must strengthen future investment and research funding in sustainable mobility. A move towards a low-carbon economy must be a priority. This will help reduce a €100bn/year cost of traffic congestion and pollution, as well as boost local economies and create an array of green local jobs across many sectors. Investing in public transport – including research, innovation and urban nodes under the CEF instruments – means investing in a better quality of service, and of life. This urban mobility shift in financing will enable the EU to achieve its strategic objectives.

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MULTIMODALITY

SECURE PUBLIC TRANSPORT’S ROLE AS THE BACKBONE OF ALL MOBILITY SERVICES

The most liveable cities in Europe always have high modal split in favour of public transport, shared and active modes of mobility. To better serve passengers, the public transport sector has been leading on innovation and digitalisation intended for all citizens and mobility modes. It is therefore time to recognise public transport as the undisputable backbone of any multimodal transport solution, ultimately leading to achieve a modal shift.

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BETTER REGULATION

GUARANTEE A TAILOR-MADE LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO KEEP MOBILITY ON TOP

The public transport sector is based on long-term heavy investments. These lengthy economic cycles require long-term political commitment, legal certainty and regulatory stability. It is essential to favour tailor-made sectoral legislation, which safeguards the neutrality principle between the public and private sector, and which should not be contradicted by unrealistic inter-sectoral approaches.

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ABOUT UITP

UITP (International Association of Public Transport) is a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility and is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes. We have 1,600 member companies from 99 countries. Our members are public transport authorities and operators, policy decision-makers, research institutes and the public transport supply and service industry.

In the European Union, UITP brings together more than 450 urban, suburban and regional public transport operators and authorities from all member states and is consequently recognised as a key partner for the European institutions and other international organisations. We represent the perspectives of short distance passenger transport services by all sustainable modes.

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