

PRESS RELEASE

TIME FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO BE AMBITIOUS ABOUT SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY

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UITP is calling on the European Commission to invest in sustainable urban mobility solutions to meet its climate change, energy efficiency and New Urban Agenda objectives.

In May 2018, the European Commission (EC) will present a comprehensive draft of the [post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework \(MFF\)](#). The MFF, which is the long-term budget for the European Union (EU) will provide a good understanding of what will be the priorities of the Commission from 2020 onwards.

In the words of the President of the EC, Jean-Claude Juncker, "*budgets are about priorities and ambitions*". UITP and its European members could not agree more with this view.

Europe's ambition to be a leader in the fight against climate will need to be translated into more concrete actions and important investments to help develop and implement new sustainable urban mobility solutions.

With 60% of Europeans living in urban areas of over 10,000 inhabitants, and with urban mobility accounting for 40% of all CO₂ emissions of road transport, UITP is inviting the EC to re-think the existing balance of the EU budget and to shift its focus on urban areas and local public transport services.

UITP has just released its own recommendations on behalf of the public transport sector to the EC. In our opinion, these recommendations should also be supported by an increase of the existing funding levels for the urban mobility envelope under the EU funds and financing instruments.

"Investing to help develop new sustainable urban mobility solutions in empowered European cities is about everything that the EU stands for: inclusions, equality, innovation, well-paid jobs, sustainability and fighting against climate change. The European Commission must be ambitious. It has an opportunity to clearly expose its will to be a leader in offering its citizens liveable cities in the next MFF".

Ulrich WEBER

Chair of the UITP European Union Committee



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In an official press release regarding the next post-2020 MFF, Mr Juncker stated that it was important to first discuss about the Europe we want. Our answer to this question is clear: we want sustainable mobility solutions, clean air and a healthy environment for our cities.

Download the full [UITP Position Paper](#) and read our recommendations on behalf of the public transport sector!

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Note to Editors

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) 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 1,500 member companies giving access to 18,000 contacts from 96 countries. Our members are public transport authorities and operators, policy decision-makers, research institutes and the public transport supply and service industry. Visit our website www.uitp.org. Follow us on Twitter: [@UITPpress](https://twitter.com/UITPpress)

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