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# UITP'S OPEN LETTER ON THE NEW EU GREEN DEAL



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With the new [European Commission](#) taking office on 1 December 2019, UITP has addressed an open letter to President Ursula von der Leyen and Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans on the role of public transport in the EU Green New Deal.

The public transport sector can make a key contribution towards a net carbon neutral Europe by at least 2050.

In her [political guidelines](#) published in July 2019, **Ursula von der Leyen**, the new **President of the European Commission**, committed to propose a **European Green Deal** in her **first 100 days in office** with the aim to make the **EU climate neutral by 2050**.

UITP welcomes this goal and is ready to **fully contribute to the objectives of the Green Deal**.

We are convinced that the fastest and most cost-efficient way to **decarbonise people's daily mobility** - and **reduce the carbon footprint** of their mobility choices - is to **promote the use of public transport, walking and cycling**.

*"The public transport sector is committed to fully contribute to the objectives of the Green Deal. Providing people with attractive clean transport options – such as public transport – is*

*key to achieving net carbon neutrality while contributing to other EU objectives in terms of employment, social and territorial cohesion, economy, accessibility and air quality."*

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With the support of the EU Green Deal, the **public transport sector** can **achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions** at the latest by 2050 in a cost-efficient manner.

The Open Letter was adopted by the **UITP European Union Committee** and endorsed at the international level by the **UITP Policy Board**.

## [Read UITP's Open Letter to President von der Leyen and Executive Vice-President Timmermans](#)

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**UITP** is the international association representing public transport stakeholders. **In the European Union, UITP brings together more than 450 urban, suburban and regional public transport operators and authorities from all Member States. We represent the perspective of short distance passenger transport services by all sustainable modes: bus, regional and suburban rail, metro, light rail, tram and waterborne.**