

PRESS RELEASE

UITP Mobility Manifesto continues to grow: As European Committee of the Regions pledge to put **Mobility on Top**



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UITP's Mobility Manifesto continues to strengthen the case for placing **Mobility on Top** – as the European Committee of the Regions join more than 300 others in pledging support.

ECoR **President Karl-Heinz Lambertz** was pleased to put pen to paper and support our campaign to propel mobility to the top of the political agenda.

In February of this year, **UITP's Europe Department** called on all future EU decision makers to shine the spotlight on mobility, with a commitment to placing **Mobility on Top** of their agendas for the next five years.

By July, **more than 300 signatories** had signed up – with **140 decision makers**, including almost **40 MEPs** on board.

"Sustainable urban mobility is the engine for a sustainable future. Affordable, green, efficient public transport not only improves quality of life and supports local economies, but is vital in driving the transition to a carbon-free world. Backed with the right EU policies and sufficient funds, cities and regions can make our transport systems fit for the 21st century and get Europe moving."

Karl-Heinz Lambertz

President

European Committee of the Regions

Aimed towards MEPs, our European Department launched the UITP [Mobility Manifesto](#) alongside the [#MobilityOnTop platform](#), encouraging new and re-elected politicians and public transport stakeholders to recognise the **major role public transport plays in our lives and cities**, and actively support the campaign.

UITP will **keep putting mobility on the minds of EU decision makers** as the Manifesto is still open for signatures.

UITP will soon approach all necessary **elected candidates** with a paper **presenting concrete actions** explaining how **a modal shift to sustainable public transport** can be achieved.

"Our Mobility Manifesto encourages everyone to recognise the importance of strong public transport and the need to advance mobility in our cities. In just a few months, more than 300 signatories have recognised urban mobility as a key priority by pledging their support. With the positive engagement of the European Committee of the Regions, that strong level of support continues. But we won't stop there - our MobilityOnTop campaign is still active and we look forward to collaborating with those involved to turn our positive objectives into concrete actions."

Thomas Avanzata

Senior Director

UITP Europe

More than **two million people** in Europe are **directly employed** in the **public transport** sector. Public transport plays a major role in the **life of cities** and is also a **key factor** in the fight against **climate change**.

Representing more than **450 public transport operators and authorities** in all **EU member states**, UITP will encourage the new **EU decision-makers** to ensure that **mobility is on top** of all relevant new EU policy.

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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.