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UITP Publishes Position Paper on the Next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034



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As the European Union shapes its post-2027 budgetary architecture, UITP is calling for a bold and future-proof Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) - that places urban, local and regional passenger transport at the heart of the EU's climate, competitiveness, and social justice goals.

With green investment needs in Europe reaching €1.2 trillion annually, UITP is stressing the need to shift the focus from mere spending to achieving clear outcomes: emission reductions, more public transport passengers, better accessibility, and economic inclusion.

The paper urges EU funding strategies to include not only traditional infrastructure investments but also to holistically support comprehensive mobility systems, integrating different transport modes, improving service quality, and enhancing passenger experience.

Modal shift is key and the need to prioritise efficient public transport and multimodal solutions over a car-centric approach.

Public transport remains the most space and energy efficient way to move large numbers of people, which is crucial for cleaner, healthier cities.

In this new paper, UITP outlines clear priorities:

- Create a permanent EU Climate, Energy, and Transport Investment Fund to strategically finance long-term, high-impact decarbonisation CAPEX investments in urban, regional, cross-border, and low-density area public transport.
- Reinforce urban mobility in National Single Plans

- Strengthen and simplify EU funding instruments like the Connecting Europe Facility, Horizon Europe, and Cohesion Funds to enhance accessibility for urban and local mobility projects.
- Dedicate EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) revenues and any forthcoming EU Green Bonds to sustainable mobility, prioritising zero- and low-carbon local transport projects aligned with EU taxonomy.
- Tackle transport poverty through MFF-linked inclusion measures.

"Europe stands at a crossroads. The next MFF is more than just another budget cycle. It is a unique chance to create lasting change. It must be a game-changer for public transport, driving the long-awaited green revolution that transforms cities, fights inequality, and secures a sustainable future for all."

Minna Soininen, Chair of the UITP EU Committee

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international association representing public transport stakeholders. In the European Union, UITP brings together more than 500 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.

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