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



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UITP, the International Association of Public Transport has published a new detailed **position paper on the 2028-2034 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)**, outlining key recommendations to ensure sustainable, inclusive, and competitive public transport is at the heart of Europe's long-term budget.

The Position Paper includes an overview of the relevant EU regulations, namely the proposals regarding:

- The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)
- The National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPPs)
- The European Competitiveness Fund (ECF)
- Horizon Europe and Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)
- EU funding for Civil Protection, Preparedness and Crisis Response
- Budget Performance

UITP's recommendations for strengthening the next transport budget include:

- **Explicit recognition of urban nodes and multimodal hubs** as projects of common European interest within CEF regulations to unlock vital investments beyond TEN-T corridors.
- **Dedicated funding envelopes for urban and local mobility** within the National and Regional Partnership Plans and the mega-Fund to guarantee predictable

and direct investment in clean, affordable, and resilient public transport systems.

- **Recognise public transport operators and authorities as key actors in civil protection and crisis planning** to ensure resilient mobility.

“Local public transport is at the heart of daily life for Europe’s citizens. It is how people get to work, school, and connect with their communities. It must not be sidelined in the EU’s budgetary priorities. Investing in public transport is investing in climate goals, social inclusion, and the resilience of our cities.”

Thomas Avanzata, European Affairs Lead, UITP

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UITP is the 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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