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UITP Calls for a Pragmatic Implementation of the Industrial Accelerator Act to Support Europe's Public Transport Sector



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UITP, the International Association of Public Transport, welcomes [the Industrial Accelerator Act](#) (IAA)'s objective to "support the development, competitiveness and resilience of the Union's manufacturing sector" - endorsing the principle of European preference as a means of strengthening European industry while reinforcing the Union's competitiveness, resilience and strategic security.

The EU's local and regional public transport sector is home to globally recognised operators and industry leaders whose operational, technological and business expertise is exported worldwide through consultancy, engineering and service activities.

As Europe invests in sustainable mobility, it must also ensure that its industrial framework enables the sector to remain a global benchmark for innovation and excellence.

To deliver on these ambitions, however, the IAA must be implemented in a pragmatic manner.

The new framework should preserve the competitiveness of the public transport sector, maintain its sustainability investments, and ensure full coherence with the forthcoming Public Procurement Act. Europe's industrial and climate objectives must go hand in hand.

To ensure these objectives are achieved, UITP calls on EU policymakers to ensure that the final legislation:

1. **Implements the European preference principle progressively**, while providing greater legal certainty and clarification on its scope and application.

2. **Keeps decarbonisation at the heart of the procurement framework**, ensuring that more complex procurement requirements do not slow down or jeopardise the deployment of clean mobility solutions.
3. **Preserves, clarifies and broadens the exemptions provided for in Article 11**, reflecting the operational realities of public transport authorities and operators.
4. **Avoids creating unnecessary administrative burdens** for contracting entities and authorities, particularly with regard to third-country exclusion mechanisms, self-declarations of compliance by economic operators, and ensuring a level playing field between public and private buyers.

The Industrial Accelerator Act represents an important opportunity to strengthen Europe's industrial competitiveness and advance decarbonisation.

With a gradual and pragmatic implementation, it can preserve the competitiveness of the public transport sector while safeguarding the investments needed to deliver a sustainable and resilient mobility transition.

Read the Position Paper

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