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Karima Delli MEP, UITP, Public Transport Operators and Organising Authorities call on the European Commission and the Member States to support the local public transport sector



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UITP and the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism (EP-TRAN) have published a joint sustainable transport declaration on supporting the local public transport sector.

The declaration calls for the support of the local public transport sector in getting through the coronavirus pandemic crisis and increasing the modal shift towards sustainable transport - while fulfilling the objectives of **the European Green Deal**.

The declaration was co-signed by **Ms. Karima Delli MEP**, Chairwoman of TRAN Committee as well as by **nearly 50 CEOs representing European public transport undertakings**.

This joint advocacy action resulted from a recent video conference meeting between UITP and Ms. Delli MEP.

During this meeting, all engaged stakeholders, including UITP members, decided to call upon the European Commission and the Member States to recognise the critical role of public transport in today's and tomorrow's mobility and the necessity to support the sector further, in both policy and financing.

The declaration has been addressed to the **President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, Vice-President in charge of the Green Deal, Frans Timmermans and the Commissioner in charge of Transport, Adina Valean**.

Public transport has a critical environmental role to play in the coming years and decades.

Objectives of the Green Deal will never be met if the European Union does not put the focus on daily mobility in urban and suburban areas in order to tackle pollution and congestion.

The upcoming **European Strategy for Sustainable and Smart Mobility** should provide the tools to address the importance of sustainable collective mobility needs.

In 2018, buses, tramways, metros, suburban and regional rail in Europe carried almost **60 billion passengers, or more than 40 billion car journeys avoided**.

More than ever, the Green Deal is the opportunity for the European Union to propose and implement concrete solutions to improve daily life and mobility of millions of citizens.

For a better future let's all support Public Transport

[Read the Joint Declaration in full](#)

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