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UITP EUROPE RESPONDS TO THE SMART AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY STRATEGY



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Led by President of the UITP's EU Committee, **UITP Europe** is responding to the publication of the [Smart and Sustainable Mobility Strategy](#).

Ulrich Weber welcomes that the Strategy recognises more than ever **the importance of daily local mobility**, but considers that in **the middle of the current ecological and economic crisis the European Commission must become more ambitious for urban and daily mobility** and must **clearly encourage a modal shift to public transport**.

Public transport offers sustainable mobility to all citizens.

It helps to **reduce congestion**, as well as air pollutant emissions and road accidents in cities and is **affordable and inclusive**.

With its large passenger capacities, **public transport is the backbone of sustainable and safe mobility in any European city**.

Furthermore, **investments into public transport have a multiplier effect** in the local economy exceeding **five times the initial investment**.

“As President of the UITP EU Committee I expect that the positive role of public transport – acknowledged in numerous strategic papers by Member States, regional and local governments across Europe – is also supported at the European level. The ambitious objectives of the Green Deal cannot be attained without making public transport a priority and encouraging modal shift. I therefore call for a set of coherent European initiatives to be announced to create a policy framework that clearly supports modal shift towards public transport.”

Ulrich Weber
President of the UITP EU Committee

The Mobility Strategy is **a step in the right direction**, but **the details** of the announced legislation, as well as the future Urban Mobility Package, **will be decisive**.

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