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FOUR YEARS, TWO TERMS: PERE CALVET'S TENURE AS UITP PRESIDENT CONCLUDES



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Every two years, a new UITP President is elected by our members to advocate for the work of our organisation, our members and the public transport sector.

Taking on the mantle of working closely with our Secretary General, **the UITP President is an important and visible presence in our global activities.**

For the past four years, **that honour has fallen to Pere Calvet**, Director General of [Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya \(FGC\)](#).

As we approach the conclusion of the Calvet era, UITP is **marking this moment by recognising the outstanding contribution made by the President** across **four years and two terms** at the forefront of the public transport sector.

Elected in 2017 during the General Assembly held at the UITP Global Public Transport Summit in Montreal, Canada, President Calvet was **re-elected unopposed during the most recent UITP Global Summit in Stockholm, Sweden** in 2019, to serve a second consecutive term.

By keeping the work of UITP and our members in the spotlight, **the President has travelled, addressed and represented our association around the world.**

From **new partnerships to the new mobility players, from climate action to COVID-19**, the public transport has taken on many challenges along the way, and **the President has been front and centre in our activities at every step.**

"To have the opportunity to work for the development of public transportation around the world as UITP President has been my great honour...but without a doubt, the greatest privilege has been to have the opportunity to meet all of you, your countries, your companies, see your realities and your diversity."

Pere Calvet
UITP President

During President Calvet's first term, he was closely involved in **modernising the governance of UITP and working with the Secretariat to introduce the new tools needed** to better accomplish our missions.

Once re-elected, the President's second term looked very different from his first with **the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on our lives, our mobility and our cities.**

President Calvet has made **the case for more public transport, more mobility options and more investment** in the sector at many events during his tenure.

With his presence, our members across the globe have had **a champion of mobility for these past four years** and during the UITP General Assembly this week (*Brussels, 18 June 2021*) Pere Calvet will end his four-year tenure as our association's President.

"It has been my pleasure to work side-by-side with the President over these past four years. Serving two terms, under extremely different landscapes, it is a testament to his leadership at UITP that has enabled us to continue moving the association forward. With his dedicated commitment to our sector, the President has advocated for public transport at every turn, and on behalf of UITP and our members, I want to thank him for his exceptional guidance."

Mohamed Mezghani
UITP Secretary General*

Across a four-year tenure as an active and visible President, it is **difficult to reference every moment, visit, speech, celebration...**but we've managed to capture not only some of those special times, but **some of the thoughts from the man himself!**

[A look back as UITP President: a special interview with Pere Calvet](#)

The new UITP President will be unveiled next week.

*Acting on behalf of Mohamed Mezghani SARL



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