



UITP Digital Workshop EU budget 2021-2027: Financing urban and regional mobility

20 September
10.00 - 12.15 CET Time



PRACTICAL INFORMATION :

Date: 20 September 2021

Time: 10.00 – 12.15 (CET-time / Brussels time)

Location: Virtual event – The event will be held on Teams (link will be shared on September 14)

Language: English

The workshop will take place in digital format. Link will be shared with registered participants only! Register [here](#).

RATIONALE :

Sustainable transport investments co-financed by the EU funds have long functioned as a key accelerator towards a sustainable economy. Now, when a viral COVID-19 pandemic ravages Europe, substantial financing and careful policy actions are urgently required in order to mainstream transport financing into a broader recovery package. Investment is necessary to increase public transport's capacity and resilience, while introducing innovative and smart mobility solutions at the local and regional level. This may bring quick and concrete results, both in terms of technological transition towards zero emission fleets, but also bringing along further measures promoting modal shift and getting massive private car usage out of the European cities.

The long-term EU budget 2021-2027, with the temporary recovery instrument NextGenerationEU will be critical for the local passenger transport sector to overcome the revenue meltdown and ensure at least the pre-crisis levels of service. This refers not only to the mid-term, post-lockdown perspective, but also to the long-run sustainability ambitions foreseen by the Green Deal. There will be no sound social and economic recovery without local public transport becoming an essential precondition for a resilient post-pandemic growth.

In order to actively support the public transport and sustainable mobility community around Europe, UITP – the International Association of Public Transport – is organizing an informative digital workshop where the main implications of the MFF 2021-2027 budget on local public transport will be central. Based on the inputs from the European Commission and the European Investment Bank, we will zero in on the most relevant EU funds and financing instruments that will have a real impact on greening public transport fleets, deploying digital innovation or maintaining existing infrastructures.

Moreover, during the Q&A Session we will encourage the audience to interact with the Commission and ask all relevant and practical questions related to the presented EU funds and programmes. We particularly welcome the participation of all local public transport stakeholders, authorities and operators, especially from small and medium cities across Europe, to join us for this highly interactive and informative event!

AGENDA :

10:00 – 10:10	Kick-off & moderation <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ms Minna SOININEN, Chair UITP EU Committee, Director Finnish Public Transport Association, Finland
10:10 – 10:30	Welcome words <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mr Tom PAGE, Chair UITP Organising Authorities Committee, Head of Strategy Transport for London, United Kingdom➤ Mr Ismael URUEN PUEYO, Director of Economic and Finance Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona, Spain
10:30 – 11:30	Financing urban and regional mobility: What tools and how much to expect <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mr Olivier SILLA, Head Transport Investment Unit, DG MOVE, European Commission➤ Mr Nicolas IMBERT, Deputy Head of Unit, RECOVER, European Commission➤ Ms Caroline LEMOINE, Senior Transport Engineer, European Investment Bank
11:30 – 12:00	Q&A Session with the audience <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ms Minna SOININEN, Chair UITP EU Committee and Director Finnish Public Transport Association, Finland➤ All speakers
12:00 – 12:15	Wrap-up and closing