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### Connecting Europe Facility:

## UITP advocates for a stronger local public transport



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***In a new policy paper, UITP calls on the EU to increase investments in local public transport and presents key recommendations to strengthen the entire Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) architecture with more and better local public transport.***

Following the soon-to-come revision of the TEN-T Regulation's guidelines, UITP welcomes the additional focus on urban nodes, with 424 new modes and enhanced Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans requirements.

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for Transport plays a central role in the implementation of the Trans-European Network for building new transport infrastructure or rehabilitating and upgrading the existing one.

As its 2023-2027 Work Programme takes shape, UITP calls for more focus on urban modes, enhanced funding for local public transport, and streamlined procedures for accessing alternative fuels infrastructure funding.

Restoring the co-financing for the procurement of zero-emission buses and for urban and regional rolling stock in the Work Programme is also crucial.



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CEF-Transport needs to attain the right level of ambition to become a much stronger instrument for both depolluting urban mobility and decarbonising bus fleets and urban rolling stock, particularly in the years to come.

*"Financial support for local public transport is crucial for achieving EU policy objectives related to green and sustainable mobility transition. With the right ambitious levels of CEF co-financing, the enhanced efficiency of local passenger transport across all urban nodes may quickly become one of the key parameters of the overall efficiency of the whole mid-to-long-distance TEN-T network."*

**Thomas Avanzata, Spokesperson of the UITP EU Committee**

UITP invites EU legislators to consider these recommendations in the CEF Transport Work Programme, paving the way for a more sustainable, efficient, and accessible urban mobility landscape across the TEN-T network.

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**ABOUT UITP EUROPE**

UITP is the international association representing public transport stakeholders. **In the European Union, UITP brings together more than 450 urban, suburban, and regional public transport operators, and authorities from all Member States. We represent the perspective of short distance passenger transport services by all sustainable modes: bus, regional and suburban rail, metro, light rail, tram and waterborne.**

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