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### UITP reacts to Draghi Report: The Future of European Competitiveness



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**On 17 September, during its most recent meeting, UITP's EU Committee reacted to the Draghi Report on "[The Future of European Competitiveness](#)".**

By calling for "an integrated multimodal transport market and strong demand for decarbonisation solutions", the report recognises the critical role of transport in enhancing the EU's competitiveness.

Also, the report clearly reminds of the "critical role [of transport] in the decarbonisation of the EU economy".

In the light of this, UITP's EU Committee advocates for enhanced investment in local public transport to elevate its impact, driving Europe towards a more competitive and sustainable future.

The EU Committee welcomes the report's suggestion that "the ETS revenues should also be used to support the decarbonisation of the transport sector, helping reach the EU's milestones for shifting more activity to sustainable modes of transport".

It is worth noting that Europe is home to some of the most efficient public transport systems globally, highlighting the importance of continued investment to maintain and build upon this advantage.

Sustainable urban and local mobility is essential not only for the economic vitality of Europe, but also for ensuring effective daily mobility.

This is underscored by the fact that approximately 70-80% of the EU's GDP is generated in urban areas, which serve as pivotal hubs for industries such as finance, services, technology, and manufacturing.

**“Embracing these innovations will make public transport more attractive, and also foster the emergence of start-ups and new industries, further boosting international competitiveness of companies”** said Minna Soininen, Chair of the UITP's EU Committee.

The Draghi Report further highlights that by 2050, an estimated 80% of Europeans will live in cities, making efficient public transport in these urban centres even more crucial. By reducing travel times and alleviating air pollution, noise, and congestion, an efficient urban mobility system significantly contributes to making cities more liveable and attractive for both businesses and talent.

The Committee also stressed that sustainable mobility solutions rely on technological innovation, such as the development of smart and integrated public transport services.

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