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A CRUCIAL STEP, BUT FOCUS MUST REMAIN ON SUSTAINABILITY: UITP REACTS TO THE CLEAN INDUSTRIAL DEAL



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Representing public transport stakeholders across the EU, UITP welcomes [the Clean Industrial Deal](#) presented by the European Commission this week.

By calling for “new rules facilitating aid for a shift towards sustainable land transport modes,” the roadmap acknowledges the vital role of transport in strengthening the EU’s competitiveness and driving decarbonisation.

In order to deliver on its strategic objectives, UITP urges the inclusion of local public transport and its supply chain as key components of a sustainable and competitive industrial future.

UITP fully endorses Executive Vice-President Ribera’s focus on a just transition that promotes quality jobs, empowers individuals, and strengthens social cohesion.

Public transport plays a key role in this transition, providing stable employment across multiple sectors and supporting the development of green skills essential for a sustainable economy.

With over 2 million people employed across the EU, it remains one of the largest local employers.

The integration of a Sustainable Transport Investment Plan is another welcome development, particularly its focus on accelerating the deployment of recharging infrastructure.

In this regard, UITP echoes Commissioner Hoekstra's call for simplification - streamlining administrative and regulatory processes is crucial to ensuring the faster rollout of zero-emission vehicles and the necessary recharging infrastructure.

UITP is also pleased to see the Clean Industrial Deal reflects several of its key recommendations, including the use of ETS revenues as an important tool to support decarbonisation. UITP urges to direct these revenues toward accelerating the sector's development and innovation.

"The Clean Industrial Deal aligns with UITP's core principles by recognising the essential role of transport in Europe's green transition. To turn this vision into reality, we need targeted investments and policies that accelerate sustainable mobility, support innovation, and ensure a skilled workforce for the future."

Thomas Avanzata, EU Affairs Lead, UITP

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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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