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Transport Sector Calls for a Stronger EU Budget to Secure Europe's Competitiveness and Resilience



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Europe's transport sector, represented by 36 organisations including UITP, has strongly urged Member States and the European Commission to maintain and strengthen a dedicated EU transport funding instrument in the future EU budget.

In an open letter to the Ministers of the General Affairs Council and the Economic and Financial Affairs Council, the sector warns that redirecting the majority of European transport funding to National Single Plans would jeopardise Europe's competitiveness, connectivity, and resilience.

A well-integrated, centrally coordinated European transport network is essential to ensuring economic growth, social and territorial cohesion, and the EU's transition to a net-zero economy.

The sector stresses that strategic, long-term investment in transport infrastructure is crucial for Europe's industrial competitiveness and response to climate challenges.

Instead of shifting towards fragmented national priorities, the transport sector calls on Finance Ministers to send a strong signal to the European Commission in favour of a stable, centrally coordinated EU transport funding instrument.

Thirty-six organisations are joining forces including **A4E, ACEA, ACI Europe, ALE-Federation of European Train Drivers' Unions, ARDAN, BPO, CER, CLECAT, COCERAL, CPMR, EBU, ECG, EIM, EFIP, EIT Urban Mobility, EMPA, ERFA, ERF, ESPORG, ESPO, ETF Europe, ETSC, Europlatforms,**

European Road Haulers Association – UETR, FEPORT, INE, Polis Network, STRING, UDA, UITP, UIP Rail, UIRR, UNIFE, UNISTOCK, Waterborne Technology Platform.

This is the only way to secure a competitive and resilient Europe, ensuring that transport remains the backbone of the EU internal market and a driver of sustainable growth.

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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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