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UITP Publishes Position Paper on the Clean Industrial Deal



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As the European Union moves toward a competitive and climate-neutral future, UITP, the International Association of Public Transport is calling on policymakers to prioritise public transport within the Clean Industrial Deal.

In a new Position Paper published today, UITP outlines how public transport is essential to achieving the EU's industrial decarbonisation and economic goals.

UITP urges not to let the Clean Industrial Deal become a missed opportunity by favouring the private automotive sector over investments in sustainable public transport.

Public transport already supports over 3 million direct and indirect jobs across Europe and delivers measurable returns on public investment.

UITP stresses that by investing in zero-emission fleets, autonomous mobility, rail and bus manufacturing, as well as integrated multimodal transport systems, the Clean Industrial Deal can accelerate the shift away from car dependency and help deliver the EU's 2030 and 2050 climate targets.

The UITP position paper puts forward seven key recommendations to align the Clean Industrial Deal with sustainable urban, regional, and local public transport, including:

- Recognising public transport as a pillar of competitiveness and climate neutrality
- Ensuring affordable and sustainable access to energy for transport operators
- Simplifying procurement rules to foster European industrial leadership in sustainable transport
- Scaling up targeted investment and funding for public transport
- Supporting smart, multimodal and zero-emission transport systems
- Broadening the scope of the Industrial Decarbonisation Bank and Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI)
- Establishing dedicated EU research and innovation funding for sustainable urban mobility

"Public transport is a cornerstone of Europe's industrial strength, social cohesion and climate action. If the EU is serious about decarbonisation, competitiveness and delivering visible benefits to citizens, then local public transport must be recognised as a strategic priority within the Clean Industrial Deal."

Thomas Avanzata, European 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 500 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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