



## PRESS RELEASE

**“Imagine Your City or Region Without Public Transport”  
More than 60 CEOs/Leaders call on the EU to make local  
passenger transport a top priority in the next budget**



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**As discussions on the future EU budget accelerate, more than 60 CEOs and Leaders of public transport authorities, operators, industry and national associations from across Europe have come together to deliver a clear message to European policymakers.**

With the call for urban and regional public transport to be a top priority in the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), this show of unity, coordinated by UITP, the International Association of Public Transport, urges the EU to anchor its long-term budget in competitiveness, sustainability, and inclusion.

“Imagine your city or region without public transport. The EU must prioritise investment in public transport as a smart, inclusive, and essential step towards a sustainable future,” the CEOs/leaders warn in a joint call.

**[Read the call of more than 60 sector leaders](#)**

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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 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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