

# Citizens' summary

## Transport in urban areas - EU action plan

### WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

Making urban transport **greener**, more **user-friendly** and better **organised** is an important part of EU efforts to develop sustainable transport and energy systems.

It has a key role to play in:

- meeting **climate-protection and pollution** targets – traffic in cities is responsible for some 40% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from road transport and over 70% of other pollutants
- ensuring our **energy supplies are secure**
- improving our **health**.

It must also be:

- fully **integrated** into the larger EU transport network
- **safe**, especially for vulnerable road users
- **accessible** for all on equal terms.

Following a [public consultation](#) in 2007, an [urban mobility action plan](#) was created to help local, regional and national policymakers throughout the EU with these goals.

It proposes **20 separate but related measures** for planning and managing urban transport and making travel easier.

### WHAT EXACTLY WILL CHANGE?

The measures include:

- **sharing information** on successful solutions
- **working with stakeholders** to defend the rights of public transport users
- promoting **sustainable urban mobility plans** as planning tools
- improving **data collection** for better policy making
- providing **better information** on public transport services in European cities.

### WHO WILL BENEFIT AND HOW?

- **all of us** (healthier environment)
- **transport users** (easier travel)
- **administrators** (better information for making decisions)
- **transport industry** (open markets for new technologies)

### WHY DOES ACTION HAVE TO BE TAKEN BY THE EU?

Although responsibility for transport in urban areas lies mainly in national hands, action at EU level can help by:

- providing cities with **information** to improve policy consistency
- developing **standard solutions** that lower costs for everyone
- making the **EU market more integrated**, which is in everyone's interest economically.

**WHEN WILL THE PROPOSAL COME INTO EFFECT?**

Between now and 2012.