

**OPINION**  
**regarding the White Paper - Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area – Towards  
a competitive and resource efficient transport system COM (2011) 144**

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in particular Articles 5 and 12 and Protocols 1 and 2 thereof,

Having regard to the Romanian Constitution, in particular Article 148,

Having regard to the Camera Deputatilor Decision no. 11/2011,

Having regard to the opinion expressed by the Committee of Economic Policy, Reform and Privatization on 24.05.2011,

Having regard to the opinion expressed by the Committee for Public Administration, Territorial Planning and Ecological Balance on 24.05.2011,

Having regard to the opinion expressed by the Committee for European Affairs on 1 June 2011,

Having regard to the opinion expressed by the Permanent Bureau of the Camera Deputatilor on 6 June 2011,

Camera Deputatilor, acting in accordance with Article 40 of the Camera Deputatilor Decision no. 11/2011 of 27.04.2011, adopts the present opinion:

- 1) Camera Deputatilor considers the White Paper on Transport as essential for reaching the Europe 2020 goals, being a strategic document that includes timely and realistic goals and actions.
- 2) Camera Deputatilor recommends the European Commission to study the possibility of stimulating and supporting the transfer of know-how and technologies in the transport sector, to benefit at the highest extent of the opportunities offered by the Single Market, in order to achieve a high degree of cohesion and to reduce economic disparities between Member States.
- 3) Camera Deputatilor addresses the European Commission the following recommendations:
  - a. To adjust the system of indicators provided for assessing the progress in achieving the Roadmap goals to the national statistical systems, and to the specificities of obtaining the necessary data for determining the values of these indicators in the Member States.
  - b. To consider and develop measures to alleviate the negative effects - economic and environmental - of promoting the use biofuels on food safety (at both national and European level) and the extensive use of renewable energy, such as the negative effect of wind farms on birds' migration.
  - c. To adopt further measures for decoupling the socio-economic development from the energy consumption and transport demand.

- d. To introduce measures aimed at promoting less common means of transport, adapted to special needs or areas with special needs - such as animal traction vehicles, unmanned transport and alike.
  - e. Take steps to harmonize the Roadmap with the European strategy for noise reduction, including the study of sources for noise control; develop synergies with the action plans against noise which are expected to be implemented by 2013, according to the Directive relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise (2002/49/EC).
  - f. To include among the Roadmap goals, the need of maintaining and encouraging decisions at local, regional and national levels, which are adapted to the specific requirements of each Member State.
  - g. To encourage private scientific and technical research for promoting sustainable means of transport.
  - h. To define and elaborate a system of incentives and support for SMEs, helping them to adapt to the needs of higher energy efficiency in transport and higher use of renewables, especially for renewable energy generated at micro level (i.e. by micro power plants).
- 4) Camera Deputatilor considers necessary to review the national legislation taking into account the climate change component and to develop a strategy in the transport sector, consistent with the strategy in the energy sector. This strategy should also consider the impacts on environment, on agriculture and on the labour market.
- 5) Camera Deputatilor agrees with the opinion expressed by the Romanian Government, which considers that an assessment is required from the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure on the ways these goals can be implemented at national level, including their costs and impacts.

This opinion is addressed to the President of the European Parliament, of the Council and of the European Commission, respectively.

President  
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