ENCOURAGING CLEAN AND SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

The transport sector is the backbone of the EU economy: it provides millions of jobs, connects businesses, and brings people together. However, urban transport is responsible for 23% of the EU's greenhouse gas emissions and a cause for the increasingly severe air pollution in many urban areas. It is estimated that air pollution is responsible for more than 430,000 premature deaths in Europe. With this new set of legislative initiatives the Commission aims at increasing the share of low-and zero-emission vehicles powered by alternative fuels in the EU. This will improve the quality of life of citizens while keeping a highly competitive industry capable of generating sustainable growth.

Only 5% of vehicles on EU roads currently use alternative fuels.

The Commission proposes:

- **Investment in infrastructure**
  
  Additional infrastructure will increase the demand for low and zero emissions vehicles.

- **Clean vehicles for public institutions**
  
  Clearer rules will make it easier for public authorities to follow their obligations to renew their fleet now with clean vehicles.

- **Intermodal transport of goods**
  
  Clearer rules and financial incentives will stimulate the combined use of trucks & trains, barges or ships for the transport of goods, instead of trucks only.

- **Better long-distance connection**
  
  More regular domestic bus & coach connections, specifically in remote regions. The services offered should be of better quality & more affordable.

- **Coordination between Member States, energy sector, IT sector**
  
  New forms of collaboration between public and private market actors will promote increased use of vehicles and infrastructure.