

Citizens' summary

Communication on a sustainable future for transport: towards an integrated, technology-led and user friendly system

WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

- The EU's transport system must continue to provide efficient travel and freight solutions for passengers and businesses, and be made more sustainable. In particular, congestion in and around cities and greenhouse gas emissions are still too high.
- The current agenda for EU transport policy comes to an end in 2010, so it is time to look at future challenges and prepare a new policy paper.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

- The communication will launch an **open debate to develop a long-term vision** for passenger and goods transportation. This vision will shape **future transport policies in the EU**
- The debate will cover the main challenges for EU transport policy, key objectives for transport system and how to meet them.

Main policy challenges	ageing, migration, environmental sustainability, fossil fuel scarcity, urbanisation, and global trends
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• provide safe, secure and comfortable transport systems• maintain and develop a fully integrated network• be more environmentally sustainable• develop and use advanced technological solutions• offer quality public services and quality jobs• be more efficient by smart pricing• improve accessibility through sound land-planning and location decisions
How to meet the objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• upgrading and expanding the infrastructure to create a single, integrated transport network exploiting the strengths of each mode, giving particular attention to the system's nodes and

	<p>intermodal platforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introducing a better pricing system with incentives for users, planners and investors, while providing the resources for sustainable transport • completing the internal market and promoting competition, without compromising safety, security standards, working conditions or customer rights • promoting technological development and the switch to low-carbon transport. with a clear legal and regulatory framework, standards and funding for demonstration projects and R&D • raising public and employee awareness/involvement in transport policy development • avoiding uncoordinated action and conflicting approaches by coordinating the policies of different actors involved at various levels of government; • raising awareness of EU transport policy internationally to ensure further integration with neighbouring countries and extend Europe's economic and environmental interests.
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WHO WOULD BENEFIT AND HOW?

- **public** – passengers will have access to safer, more comfortable travel on a transport system that is more efficient and environmentally sustainable
- **businesses** – access to an integrated transport network will improve competitiveness.
- **other parts of the world** – new technological and organisational solutions could be exported and/or applied in other countries .

WHY DOES ACTION HAVE TO BE TAKEN BY THE EU?

European transport infrastructure and services must be integrated at EU level to maximise efficiency and produce clear benefits for people and companies in all member countries.

WHEN WILL ACTION BE TAKEN?

- The ideas put forward are meant to stimulate further debate. Interested parties can submit their views at: tren-future-of-transport@ec.europa.eu by **30 September 2009**.

- The results of the consultation will be presented at a **stakeholder conference in autumn 2009** and will be used to prepare a policy paper setting out the transport agenda for the next decade.

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