

TO SUPPORT THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

UITP returns to urge European Institutions to overcome the pandemic crisis with political and financial support, promoting sustainable transition

The International Public Transport Association (UITP) and the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism (EP-TRAN) have published a joint declaration on sustainable transport to support local public transport in June. The declaration calls for the support of the sector in order to overcome the pandemic crisis of the new coronavirus and increase the modal transition towards sustainable transport and fulfil the objectives of the European Green Deal.

The declaration was signed by MEP Karima Delli, President of the TRAN Committee, and by almost 50 CEOs of European LPT Operators.

The joint action is the result of a videoconference meeting between UITP and Melli Delli in which the stakeholders decided to call upon the European Commission and the Member States to recognize the fundamental role of public transport in today's and tomorrow's mobility and the need to further support the sector at political and financial level.

The declaration was addressed to the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, to the Executive Vice-President responsible for the Green Deal, Frans Timmermans, and to the Transport Commissioner, Adina Valean.

«The objectives of the Green Deal will never be met if the EU does not focus on mobility in urban and suburban areas in order to tackle pollution and congestion» stated UITP. «The upcoming European strategy for sustainable and smart

mobility should provide the tools to address the importance of sustainable collective mobility needs».

In 2018, buses, trams, metros, suburban and regional railways in Europe carried almost 60 billion passengers (more than 40 billion journeys by car have been avoided).

«Today more than ever» concluded the UITP, «the Green Deal is the opportunity for the European Union to propose and implement concrete solutions to improve the daily life and mobility of millions of citizens».

