



Transport & Tourism Committee
European Parliament
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Dear Member,

In advance of your discussion on the mid-term review of the Transport White Paper on the 27th – 28th March, I would like to provide you with a copy of BUSINESSEUROPE's contribution on the mid-term review. The views expressed in this document remain as relevant today in the overall transport debate as they were when first drafted.

BUSINESSEUROPE is of the opinion that this mid-term review adjusts the policies outlined in 2001 in a way that represents a more balanced approach to transport policy in Europe. We believe that the road-map for transport policy sketched in this review to be a constructive, sensible approach to the growing challenges in the transport arena.

With a view to your forthcoming debate, I would like to indicate BUSINESSEUROPE support for the views outlined in the draft report of Mrs. Barsi-Pataky and urge you to approve her report.

We have also noted the opinion of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee (as drafted by Satu Hassi MEP). We cannot support the views outlined in Ms. Hassi's opinion. Indeed we believe that they would represent a step backwards for transport policy in Europe should they be applied.

The shape of the transport landscape in Europe has an effect on the competitiveness of European industry. There exists a crucial link between efficient transport and economic growth. The mid-term review takes account of this fact.

BUSINESSEUROPE sincerely hopes that you will also consider this and that you will seek to strengthen the work and impact of this review.

Yours sincerely,

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