



TRANSPORT ACTION PROGRAMME

KEY MESSAGES

- 1** Further efforts are needed to complete the internal market for transport.
- 2** European business competitiveness should play a more central role in the Commission's future thinking on transport policy.
- 3** The Commission should promote the view that the various transport modes are complementary to each other and focus on making all transport more efficient.
- 4** Investment in infrastructure should be increased and be more prominent in policy-making.

BACKGROUND

Transport plays a key role in the EU's goal for a dynamic and cohesive society. It generates 10% of EU wealth in terms of gross domestic product (GDP) and provides more than ten million jobs. It is also an indispensable pillar of the 30% of EU GDP represented by industry and agriculture and of a proportion of the 70% represented by services.

European business supports a more sustainable, efficient and safer transport policy to the benefit of both European citizens and companies. These objectives need to be reconciled with a strong support for business competitiveness to better enable companies to respond to the rapid and time-sensitive delivery of goods caused by globalisation and growth in world trade.

The Commission is working on a transport action programme until 2020, which will define the overall framework for actions in the next ten years in various fields of transport including infrastructure, internal market legislation, decarbonisation of transport and technology for traffic management and clean vehicles.

WHAT DOES BUSINESSEUROPE AIM FOR?

- Better exploitation of the strengths of each mode to contribute to reducing congestion, emissions, pollution and accidents.
- The completion of the existing unfinished Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) priority projects.
- Clear framework conditions for introducing new technologies commercially on the market.
- More market opening to increase efficiency, improve mobility and lower costs.
- A reduction in administrative burdens in the field of transport.

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