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## Climate Change EU Policy Working Group

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Connecting the world of public transport

### 1. Working Group Background

- The Working Group's primary activities will be to:
  - Provide advice, input and share opinions in respect to EU consultations
  - Develop draft position statements on EC proposals
  - Oversee the production of reports to Members of proposed legislation
  - Assist cities to take action on climate and energy issues
- Act as a sounding board for international climate related lobbying efforts (e.g. Rio+20, COP18)

### 2. Membership

- Chair: Gunnar Heipp (MVG)
- Laura Martusciello (ATAC)
- Cristiano Stifini (ATAC)
- Peter Gillespie (Veolia Transdev)
- Elena Montafia (Azienda Trasporti Milanesi, Italy)
- Miles Parisi (Azienda Trasporti Milanesi, Italy)

- Jan Borghuis (GreenWheels)
- Elaine Seagriff (TfL)
- Claire Masson (STIB)
- Jan Möllmann (Arriva / UITP)
- Ulrich Weber (UITP)
- Philip Turner (UITP)

### 3. Policy Priority: Energy Efficiency Directive

**Time:** Political Agreement 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2012

Objective: Develop position paper and inform Members of outcome

- The EU has a target to save 20% of its primary energy by 2020 through improvements in energy efficiency. The EC estimates that the EU is only on track to deliver half of that.
- It proposes simple but ambitious goals, with the public sector leading by example. Key provisions would impact EU public transport undertaking with public ownership.
- Administrative cost burdens around targets for renovating and auditing of public buildings, promotion of energy efficiency through procurement.

## 3. Policy Priority: Review of EU Air Quality Policy

**Time:** October 2013 (at the latest)

Objective: Monitor developments, provide input to consultations and

flag impacts on the public transport sector

- The review seeks to:
  - Identify reasons and propose solutions for current noncompliance (PM)
  - Assess the need for setting new and long-term objectives / targets
  - Evaluate the need for additional emission control measures in certain sectors, in particular roads (vehicle emissions)
  - Strengthen synergies and manage potential trade-offs with other related policies, in particular climate change
- Public consultation regarding potential policies for the review to be held at end 2012 / start 2013.

## 3. Policy Priority: Internalisation of external costs

Time: November 2012

Link: Transport and Economic Commission

**Objective:** Identify from a public transport point of view what works and what doesn't when looking at internalisation of external costs

- By internalising external costs, the intention is to give the right price signal to change behaviour.
- The EC developed a handbook (2008) outlining a model for the internalisation of external costs - no distinction between urban public transport modes.
- EC plans to update the handbook stakeholder consultations planned in 2012. Important that public transport is properly accounted for and regarded favourably.

# 3. Policy Priority: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from HDV

Time: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013

Link: Bus Committee

**Objective:** *Identify which policy options should be recommended for* 

reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from buses

- Buses account for 15% of all HDV emissions and EC is now looking at policy proposals to reduce emissions from the sector.
- UITP's Bus Committee has developed a position paper on how buses should be taken into account under the legislation.
- Preparation of a draft proposals for legislation is scheduled for the second half 2012 – possibly include setting CO<sub>2</sub> limits on buses / labelling.

## 3. Policy Priority: Clean Transport Systems (CTS)

Time: June 2012

Link: Bus Committee

**Objective:** Inform Members of the Communication on alternative

fuels of the future and the infrastructure needed to support it

- The intention is to accelerate the EU market uptake of alternative fuels, including the necessary standards for equipment and storage systems.
- Public consultation to inform the Communication planned –
  Group to provide input (if necessary) and inform Members of the
  main proposals.

# 3. Policy Priority: Urban Mobility Package

Time: June 2013

Link: Transport and Urban Life

**Objective:** Monitor the developments under the package and comment on proposals for a legal framework on sustainability audits

 EC to look at establishing a legal framework for the establishment, validation and certification of Urban Mobility Performance and Sustainability Audits, in order to make them mandatory condition for funds for urban transport measures.

 Group should monitor and comment on the sustainable development criteria - the Charter should be compatible.

### 4. Outputs to date

#### January 2012

 Agreed priority EU policy areas to pursue in its work programme for 2012.

#### **March 2012**

 Provided input to a web-based consultation on the urban aspects of the internalisation of external costs – highlighting the role that public transport plays in reducing negative externalities.

#### **May 2012**

Position Paper on the Energy Efficiency Directive

#### 5. Next steps....

 On 21 May 2012, stakeholder workshop planned on the internalisation of external costs - present findings of the webbased consultation and case studies of road pricing and paid parking schemes.

#### Identified:

- public acceptance, raising awareness, right price signals, monitor and enforcement are important to success.
- Cities to determine what revenues should be spend on and EU to support cities and share best practice.
- Objectives of the 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation is to discuss the following:
  - How can pricing schemes be designed and implemented
     barriers and successes?
  - What should the role of the EU be?