

# News Release

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**For the Future of Transport White Paper, UNIFE urges the European Union to take the challenge of CO2 emissions from transport seriously and issue concrete emission reduction targets for the entire sector.**

Today, UNIFE published its contribution to the public consultation on the Future of Transport White Paper.

UNIFE agrees with the European Commission's analysis to a large extent, it believes however, that the challenges of climate change should receive the utmost attention. Achieving an emission reduction and a more sustainable European transport system should be the policy priority of the EU in the years to come.

"If the EU is serious about meeting its CO2 emission reduction targets of 20% by 2020, the concept of co-modality cannot be sufficient. A comprehensive overall emission reduction goal for the transport sector is needed", stated Michael Clausecker Director-General of UNIFE, "This goal should then be complemented by concrete policy measures that contribute to meeting this goal and have been evaluated according to their efficiency and economic viability. Policies inducing modal shift clearly figure among such useful measures!"

To attain this goal, UNIFE lays out a number of necessary policy measures. They range from increased investments in new and existing railway infrastructures to adequate charging and taxation policies. The internalisation of external cost will become a political imperative and market opening and regulatory reform of the railway sector further pursued.

UNIFE believes that European policy makers can no longer ignore the fact that CO2 emission growth from transport threatens to annihilate savings from other sectors. Decisive and measurable policy action will therefore be necessary in the next decade.

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