

**PARTNERSHIP for URBAN MOBILITY**

**JOINT STATEMENT**  
**OF POLITICAL AND LEADING REPRESENTATIVES**

*Karlsruhe, 6th March 2018*

We, the **political and leading representatives** of the *Partnership for Urban Mobility*, who met in Karlsruhe on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to discuss the potential of the Partnership for Urban Mobility to shape future mobility policies, would like to make the following joint statement.

We recognise that the Urban Agenda for the EU, officially established by the *Pact of Amsterdam* and agreed at the Informal Meeting of the EU Ministers responsible for Urban Matters in May 2016, aims to promote cooperation between all levels of governance in order to achieve a sustainable, socially inclusive, innovative and economically powerful Europe;

The Urban Agenda for the EU focuses specifically on three pillars of EU policy making and implementation: *better regulation, better funding, and better knowledge exchange*. It introduces a new working method by setting up twelve thematic partnerships focusing on a range of priority topics with; the Partnership for Urban Mobility being central among them;

The Partnership for Urban Mobility aims to foster sustainable and efficient mobility in urban areas in order to support better services to citizens, and to create new opportunities based on innovative solutions;

The focus of the Partnership is on the medium and long-term perspective for the urban mobility, and addresses the following four key areas:

- governance and planning
- active modes of transport and the use of public space
- public transport and accessibility
- new mobility services and innovation,

**WE:**

**UNDERLINE** that the Urban Agenda for the EU is one of the most important and promising tools we have in fostering the urban dimension in policies at all levels of governance (regional, national and European level), especially towards the post-2020 EU Cohesion Policy.

**EMPHASISE** that the partnership approach, based on an equal participation of all levels of governance, enriched by the expertise of relevant stakeholders, demonstrates a proven added value

by reflecting and respecting the interests and the needs of the different actors actively involved in developing urban mobility across Europe.

ACKNOWLEDGE that mobility at the local level is a key development tool in European urban areas, having reached a common understanding of this issue by selecting the most relevant topics for improving urban mobility in our joint draft Action Plan.

ENDORSE the objectives of the Partnership for Urban Mobility and support its implementation in terms of better regulation, better funding, and better knowledge exchange.

WELCOME that the Partnership coordinated by the City of Karlsruhe and the Czech Republic has elaborated a draft Action Plan, which is now open for consultation and public feedback. This document is a joint effort of all partners, developed in close exchange with relevant stakeholders from across Europe.

RECOGNISE that the finalisation of the Action Plan and its implementation are important milestones for the success of the Partnership. This calls for an ongoing commitment and support from all partners including stakeholders as well as for the awareness and the spirit of shared responsibility for our Partnership.

STRONGLY RECOMMEND that the actions defined in the draft Action Plan should be further elaborated in order to facilitate its implementation.

WELCOME the Partnership's commitment to transparency in all project phases demonstrated by inviting other cities, regions, Member States and stakeholders to contribute to the Action Plan through various outreach activities.

INVITE decision makers at all levels of governance to take forward the conclusions and recommendations of the Partnership in shaping, funding and implementing future urban policies.

We, the political representatives and leading representatives, wish the successful accomplishment of the goals of the Partnership with the support of all relevant stakeholders across the EU and look forward to meeting again to scale up the future of the urban mobility with the Partnership's Action Plan already in place.



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