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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on the European strategy on cooperative intelligent transport systems
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Recalls the European Strategy for Low-Emission Mobility adopted in July 2016, which highlights the potential of cooperative, connected and automated vehicles to reduce energy consumption and emissions from road transport, which still account for the bulk of transport emissions;
2. Welcomes the European Strategy on Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS) as a common framework of action; strongly supports a legislative instrument establishing a framework for the deployment of C-ITS at EU level;
3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make full use of the potential of C-ITS for taking preventive action against smog and high ozone concentration levels and reducing noise levels and particle, NOx and CO2 emissions;
4. Notes the high potential of C-ITS to improve fuel efficiency, lowering the cost of individual transport and reducing the negative impact of traffic on the environment;
5. Highlights that C-ITS may improve road safety significantly by reducing human error, which is still the leading cause of transport accidents;
6. Stresses the importance of sensor systems in providing data on vehicle dynamics, congestion and air quality, for example; calls for more investment in research to ensure the full interoperability of the sensors used and into their possible usage for applications other than safety, for example remote emission sensing;
7. Underlines that cooperation at local and regional level on the development and implementation of C-ITS across the EU is crucial;
8. Notes that substantial funding for cooperative, connected and automated vehicles has already been made available at EU level; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure the provision of the necessary funding for the deployment of C-ITS in the long term.