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## **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Regional Development

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on Promoting a European transport-technology strategy for Europe's future  
sustainable mobility  
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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Regional Development calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Recalls the need for the EU to develop a genuine common transport policy, ensuring the pertinence of transport for all regions; calls on the Member States to ensure that the mix of models reflects moves towards more sustainable mobility;
2. Considers that if there is to be a coherent and efficient European transport-technology strategy, it must be in line with the EU 2020 Strategy (COM(2010)2020) and the 1990 reduction targets, as well as being in full compliance with the 2011 White Paper on Transport, 'Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area - Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system' (COM(2011)0144), in terms of territorial cohesion and balanced development; it should permit reductions in energy consumption, traffic noise, traffic needs, air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions, with targets for 2020, 2030 and 2050;
3. Stresses that this strategy should be based on an integrative model in which interregional connections and crossborder missing links are accorded the highest importance and innovative solutions for multimodal transport can reduce regional disparities and enhance territorial cohesion;
4. Believes that all European regions and their respective labour pools should take advantage of such a strategy, and stresses the need to take account of regional specificities and potential, especially when developing cleaner transport modes;
5. Maintains that investments under the EU Structural Funds and investment funds could be of great help in developing smart specialisation applied to sustainable mobility;
6. Recalls, in this connection, that a strategy for innovative technology has to be thought out through territories' characteristics, in which context a 'one size fits all' approach will not deliver; considers, for instance, that island, mountainous and sparsely populated regions have specific types of potential which call for appropriate and innovative mobility solutions;
7. Highlights the need to further stimulate simplification of the administrative procedures for research and innovation funding at European, national, regional, local and crossborder levels, in order to establish a clear and transparent legal framework;
8. Encourages the Commission not to concentrate public transport services solely in urban areas, but also to ensure mobility in all regions, especially the most deprived ones, in the interests of integrated territorial cohesion;
9. Welcomes the Commission's proposal on the establishment of a Transport Research and Innovation Monitoring and Information System (TRIMIS); underlines the importance of regular, free, easily accessible and reliable information provision to regional

policymakers; regrets the fact that to date it is still very difficult to access information concerning EU funding for transport projects.