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The [European Mobility Week](#) is the European Commission's awareness-raising campaign to promote active mobility, public transport, and other clean and intelligent transport solutions. It takes place from 16-22 September each year, culminating in Car-free Day. The theme of the campaign for 2021 is '[Safe and Healthy with Sustainable Mobility](#)' reflecting on the opportunities for change resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. Towns and cities have developed creative, resilient responses to the pandemic and the European Mobility Week seeks to keep this momentum and further promote increased active mobility and the use of low- or zero-emission mobility. This year more than 1 500 [towns and cities](#) have already registered to organise activities during the week. The following publications of the European Parliamentary Research Service provide background information and analysis on the subject of sustainable and smart mobility.

[Sustainable and smart mobility strategy](#)

Briefing by Marketa Pape, EPRS, January 2021

Transport is the backbone of the EU economy, connecting people and businesses across various EU regions and countries. The coronavirus pandemic has shown the impact of mobility restrictions on the free movement of people, goods and services and, at the same time, confirmed the essential role of transport in safeguarding the functioning of vital supply chains. However, transport also generates significant costs to society, in terms of greenhouse gas emissions, environmental pollution, accidents, congestion and loss of biodiversity. EU ambitions to address these negative impacts have increased over the years.

[Sustainable and smart mobility strategy – Delivered at local level](#)

Briefing by Marketa Pape, EPRS, April 2021

On 9 December 2020, the European Commission put forward a sustainable and smart mobility strategy, outlining its planned steps to transform the European Union (EU) transport system to meet the ambition of the European Green Deal and the objectives of the EU's digital strategy. The strategy aims to rebuild the European transport sector, badly hit by the coronavirus pandemic, making it greener, smarter and more resilient, while leaving no one behind.

[Sustainable and smart transport in Europe](#)

'Ideas Paper' by Jaan Soone, EPRS, September 2020

Innovation will be critical for economic recovery – and the transport sector offers many opportunities for innovation to help drive the post-pandemic economy forward. The European recovery plan, centred around the Green Deal, places great emphasis on the growth potential of transforming the economy to a greener model and taking advantage of technological advancements and digitalisation to bolster European industrial competitiveness.

[EU initiatives and funding to support sustainable urban mobility](#)

'At a glance' note by Jaan Soone, EPRS, September 2020

In 2050, approximately 84 % of Europeans will be living in an urban area. A common challenge for all urban areas is to enhance mobility and reduce congestion, accidents and air pollution. The search for appropriate

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solutions to urban transport challenges has been part of EU policy in various fields for a long time. The paper provides an overview of the EU initiatives and funding opportunities to support sustainable urban mobility in Europe.

Further reading

EU policy on air quality: Implementation of selected EU legislation

Study by Ekaterina Karamfilova, EPRS, January 2021

Artificial intelligence in road transport – Cost of non-Europe report

Study by Tatjana Evas and Aleksandra Heflich, EPRS January 2021

Meeting the Green Deal objectives by alignment of technology and behaviour

Study by Scientific Foresight Unit, EPRS, July 2021

Mobility, transport and coronavirus

Briefing by Ariane Debyser, EPRS, May 2020

General safety of vehicles and protection of vulnerable road users

'EU Legislation in Progress' briefing by Nikolina Sajn, EPRS, January 2020

What if AI took care of traffic as well as driving?

'At a glance' note by Andrés García Higuera, EPRS, December 2020

Rail passengers' rights and obligations in the EU

'EU Legislation in Progress' briefing by Damiano Scordamaglia and Maria Niestadt, EPRS, July 2021

Connecting Europe Facility 2021-2027: Financing key EU infrastructure networks

'EU Legislation in Progress' briefing by Marketa Pape, EPRS, July 2021

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