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to the Commission**

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Subject: Strategy to make the European Union more bicycle-friendly

Cycling already generates EUR 513 billion in economic benefits for the European Union every year and that figure is set to rise to EUR 760 billion by 2030.

On 16 June 2017, the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) submitted to the European Commissioner for Transport, Violeta Bulc, a proposal for a strategy to make the European Union more bicycle-friendly. The main features of the strategy include:

- a doubling of EU investment in bicycle mobility, from EUR 1.5 billion over the period from 2014 to 2020 to EUR 3 billion over the period from 2021 to 2027;
- reducing the number of accidents involving motor vehicles and pedestrians and cyclists through the introduction of active safety systems, such as Intelligent Speed Assistance (the EU has exclusive competence in the area of the regulation of motor vehicles);
- overhauling the VAT Directive so that Member States can impose a reduced rate of VAT on bicycle purchases.

Can the Commission say whether it intends to take up the ECF's recommendations?