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Subject: Hydrogen-powered public transport

Poor air quality and air pollution have been shown to have negative effects on human health. Local authorities are increasingly aware of this and are looking for clean, low-carbon transport solutions. In this regard, the announcement by Barcelona's public transport operator that it would be adding eight new hydrogen-powered fuel cell electric buses to its fleet, the first to be used for regular service on an urban network in Spain, came as welcome news.

Bearing in mind that one of the Commission's objectives of this mandate is the implementation of the European Green Deal and the reduction of air pollution:

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take to promote the use of electric transport in the Member States?
2. Does the Commission believe that the measures being taken by cities such as Barcelona are a step in the right direction?
3. What is the Commission's assessment of the European JIVE 2 programme to promote fuel cell and zero-emission vehicles? Does the Commission intend to increase the resources allocated to this type of programme?