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OPINION

of the Committee on Regional Development

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on the urban mobility action plan
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Rapporteur: Jean Marie Beaupuy

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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. Stresses that a European sustainable urban mobility strategy is essential if the European Union is to reach its target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 20% by 2020; regrets the Commission's tardiness in publishing its action plan, initially planned for the end of 2008;
2. Takes the view that the urban planning model of the 'short journey city' is the best means of ensuring environmentally acceptable and climate-compatible mobility in cities;
3. Recalls that urban transport is subject to the subsidiarity principle, but nevertheless stresses that local authorities often cannot meet these challenges without European cooperation and coordination, so that the Commission must provide studies and a legal framework, finance research, and promote and disseminate best practice on the principle that it should be available to everyone in all EU languages; asks the Commission to publish a compendium of binding European regulatory provisions in this area and offer regions and cities a common frame of reference to make it easier for them to make choices as regards the planning and implementation of development strategy;
4. Considers that urban mobility initiatives should also seek to establish inter-urban networks in order to link up major cities, ensure their economic development, facilitate the rapid transport of individuals and goods and promote tourism;
5. Requests that the integrated approach principle be promoted in a partnership-based governance framework that brings together urban, peri-urban, national and European players and that takes account of transport-related issues: social integration, noise, safety, competitiveness, environment, etc.; reiterates its request that an integrated approach be compulsory in the programming and choice of Structural Fund projects;
6. Regrets the fact that during the current aid programming period 2007-2013, only some 9% (equivalent to EUR 8 000 000 000) of all Structural Fund spending on transport (equivalent to EUR 82 000 000 000) is earmarked for urban transport; considers this proportion too small to be able to meet the challenges of devising appropriate mobility in European cities and environmental and climate protection;
7. Notes that, under the European Economic Recovery plan, Structural Fund resources for sustainable infrastructure projects are being brought forward; calls on Member States and the regions as a matter of urgency to use a substantial proportion of these resources for climate-compatible urban transport;
8. Calls on the Commission to develop tools to facilitate the implementation and evaluation of an integrated sustainable urban transport policy and in particular:
 - to help Member States and towns to improve the sustainability of town and country

planning and urban and peri-urban transport planning, for example via the development of urban travel plans; invites economic players to contribute fully to this strategy from the point of view of company travel plans;

- to facilitate the implementation of an integrated and partnership-based governance approach by drawing up a guide for those working at grass-roots level, and studies that demonstrate the cost of a non-integrated approach;

- to determine relevant, harmonised indicators and create an urban transport overview, allowing for comparative evaluation of towns.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	12.2.2009
Result of final vote	+: 45 -: 0 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Emmanouil Angelakas, Stavros Arnautakis, Elspeth Attwooll, Rolf Berend, Victor Boștinaru, Wolfgang Bulfon, Giorgio Carollo, Bairbre de Brún, Gerardo Galeote, Iratxe García Pérez, Monica Giuntini, Ambroise Guellec, Pedro Guerreiro, Gábor Harangozó, Filiz Hakaeva Hyusmenova, Mieczysław Edmund Janowski, Gisela Kallenbach, Evgeni Kirilov, Miloš Koterec, Constanze Angela Krehl, Florencio Luque Aguilar, Jamila Madeira, Iosif Matula, Miroslav Mikolášik, Maria Petre, Markus Pieper, Giovanni Robusti, Wojciech Roszkowski, Bernard Soulage, Catherine Stihler, Margie Sudre, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Oldřich Vlasák
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Emanuel Jardim Fernandes, Stanisław Jałowiecki, Zita Pleštinská, Samuli Pohjamo, Christa Prets, Flaviu Călin Rus, Richard Seeber, László Surján, Iuliu Winkler
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	Wolf Klinz, Sepp Kusstatscher, Toine Manders