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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

for the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and for the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection

on Towards a Digital Single Market Act
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Transport and Tourism calls on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection, as the committees responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into their motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the Communication on ‘A Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe’; emphasises that the implementation of digitisation and the enhanced deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) will be key tools to make the European transport system more efficient and productive, and as a result daily transport and logistics will be more fluid, safe, resource-wise and sustainable;
2. Notes that the digitisation of the transport sector provides Europe with new business opportunities and jobs; points to strong growth in the ITS sector, with an expected global annual growth rate of 16.4 % for the period 2014 - 2019;
3. Urges the Commission to assess the need to modernise EU regulations and adapt them to the digital age; asks the Commission to harmonise the regulatory framework of different transport modes in order to promote true competition between modes and to encourage new innovations and services for mobility and logistics, including those based on the sharing economy, while creating a level playing field for existing market actors and new market entrants in terms of high European standards regarding safety, working conditions, fair taxation, consumer protection and the prevention of harmful environmental effects;
4. Stresses that confidence and solid data protection are prerequisites for creating the Digital Single Market; emphasises, in this context, the need to ensure high standards as regards data capacity, accessibility and security by providing a comprehensive, reliable and interoperable data infrastructure and by ensuring the security and credibility of data collection, processing, usage and storage;
5. Is of the opinion that the transport sector will become one of the largest fields of implementation of the Internet of Things (IoT).