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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. Recalls that urban transport is subject to the subsidiarity principle, but nevertheless stresses that local authorities 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; asks the Commission to publish a compendium of the relevant European regulatory provisions;
3. 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, competitiveness, environment, etc.; reiterates its request that an integrated approach be compulsory in the programming and choice of Structural Fund projects;
4. Calls on the Commission to develop tools to facilitate the implementation and measurement of an integrated sustainable urban transport policy:
 - 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.