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### **COMMUNICATION ON THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORT: MORE COMMITMENT FROM MEMBER STATES NEEDED**

Transport is an essential component of the economy. Transport policy should focus on making all transport types more efficient and further strengthening 'co-modality'.

It is essential to better integrate airports and ports to the Trans-European Network for Transport and to address the impact of transport on the environment in a way that supports business competitiveness.

BUSINESSEUROPE supports the emphasis in the Communication on the need for a well focused infrastructure expansion to help avoid congestion and time losses. This is why it is important to have a stronger commitment from public authorities and the EU to finance this infrastructure and to make better use of tools such as public-private partnerships.

Ernest-Antoine Seillière, President of BUSINESSEUROPE said: *"Transport is the nerve centre of logistics, needing utmost attention. This is why it is essential for the Commission to develop an overall approach that takes into account the elements to develop a transport policy that is modern, efficient and cost-effective"*.

#### NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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