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THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORT

KEY MESSAGES



- 1** Transport is an essential component of the European Internal Market. Moving people and goods quickly and efficiently is key for a dynamic economy and cohesive society. It is crucial to transform the existing patchwork of European roads, railways, airports and canals into a unified transport network.
- 2** The further development of sustainable transport requires a mix of initiatives to work in combination with each other (e.g. relating to infrastructure, transport vehicles and equipment, ICT solutions, administrative procedures...).
- 3** The different transport modes should be seen as complementary to each and focus should be on making all transport more efficient.

WHAT DOES BUSINESSEUROPE AIM FOR?



- The development of a genuine Single Transport area by eliminating all residual barriers between modes and national systems.
- Better exploitation of the strengths of each mode to contribute to reducing congestion, emissions, pollution and accidents.
- The completion of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T).
- Clear framework conditions for introducing new technologies commercially on the market.
- More market opening to increase efficiency, improve mobility and lower costs.
- A reduction in administrative burdens in the field of transport.

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

The transport sector directly employs around 10 million people in the EU and accounts for 5% of GDP.

Freight transport is expected to grow by 80% by 2050. And passenger transport by more than 50%.