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## **A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR TRANSPORT COMPANIES**

### UETR presents its Paper on the new transport policy for next decade

UETR *Union européenne des transporteurs routiers* has presented a number of comments on the Communication (2009) 279/4 of the European Commission towards the elaboration of the new EU White Paper on European Transport Policy of 2010.

UETR represents and defends the interests of more than 185.000 freight transport companies in Europe, mostly Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

UETR vision for EU transport policy is of a system that will provide a well maintained and fully integrated transport network and better security of supply chain, that protects the sector rather than holding it responsible for this security.

A broad urban freight transport policy will have to be translated in specific, clear and effective city logistics measures.

Regarding the internalization of external costs, the principle of "polluter pays" is not questioned, but UETR refuses that EU policy presents the "CO2 emission- bill" only to the road haulage industry.

Financial resources must be mobilised to meet the needs of companies: a view of a transport sector increasingly relying on self-financing cannot be accepted.

UETR is not contrary to liberalization and market opening but at the same time avoiding risks of social dumping in transport sector for a real fair competition in Europe.

UETR supports new technologies but a sustainable delivery of goods needs to be done at conditions not altering the free commercial determination of price.

The introduction of a European observatory on transport costs to monitor developments and rates, an EU-wide full reimbursement scheme for duty excises on commercial diesel, an effective and compulsory maximum payment term of 30 days for all services provided and a series of actions to ease access to finance for small road haulers are key measures to support the goal of a sustainable future for transport companies.

The reduction of existing administrative burdens is a key factor in improving the regulatory framework for European businesses.

*"We call for a sound EU policy reflecting the effectiveness of the role played by road goods transport and improving levels of service, road safety and competitiveness at an equitable cost in a fashion which supports EU strategies for economic and social development"* said UETR President Francesco Del Boca.

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