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## Transforming Urban Mobility in the Mediterranean region

*5-6 June 2023, Barcelona, Spain.*

The [Regional Transport Action Plan \(RTAP\) for the Mediterranean region until 2027](#), endorsed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Ministerial Conference on Transport held on 9 February 2023, expressly makes Urban Mobility in the region one of its main priorities for the coming years.

Major investments in public transport and urban mobility, including the modernisation of public transport infrastructure and fleet renewal, as well as the digitalisation of public transport services and operations, show that the region is witnessing a clear paradigm shift towards more sustainable mobility in line with UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The new RTAP will foster the development of multimodal urban transport strategies based on integrated sustainable urban mobility planning and strong governance, by embracing digitalisation, and innovative and sustainable solutions to urban mobility challenges.

The event jointly organised by the [UfM Secretariat](#) and the [UITP](#) on **5-6 June 2023** in **Barcelona, Spain**, in the framework of the [UITP Global Public Transport Summit](#), will showcase how the RTAP is setting a clear path towards transforming and upscaling sustainable urban transport and mobility in the region.

The meeting will bring together representatives of national transport administrations, local authorities, and the public transport industry, along with international and regional stakeholders in the urban mobility sector.

On the first day, a joint UfM and UITP session at the UITP Summit will feature a presentation on the key RTAP measures for urban mobility, followed by a panel discussion, including Q&A with the audience, on how to realize the potential of sustainable transport and mobility in the Mediterranean region. The panel will include representatives from UfM countries, public transport operators and the UITP. The discussion will focus on planning for sustainable urban mobility at national and local levels, infrastructure financing, setting up governance structures including through public transport authorities, addressing capacity building needs, the promotion of electric mobility and the use ITS, among others. The main highlights of the UITP Global Public Transport Summit will also be presented.

During the workshop on the second day, a working session on future policy priorities of the UfM countries in light of the implementation of Action 18 on "Urban Mobility" in the new RTAP will take place, followed by a presentation on funding opportunities for urban transport in the Mediterranean region. The meeting will end with the presentation of the main findings and conclusions as well as recommendations for the next steps and the follow-up towards the implementation of the RTAP and to further contribute to the improvement of urban mobility in the region.

## Day 1

### **Panel discussion at the UITP Global Summit**

#### **Establishing priorities for successful urban public transport strategies within the Regional Transport Action Plan**

**Monday, 5 June 2023 | 15:45 – 17:00**

**Venue: [Fira Barcelona Gran Via \(North Entry\)](#)**

*Address: Carrer del Foc 15, 08908, L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, Barcelona, Hall 5, CC5, Room 5.2.*

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

### **15.00 – 15.45 Registration**

### **15.45 – 15.55 Welcoming remarks and scene setting**

- Amb. Erdal Sabri ERGEN, UfM Deputy Secretary General for Transport and Urban Development.
- Mr. Mohamed MEZGHANI, UITP Secretary-General
- Mrs. María José RALLO, Secretary General of Transport and Mobility, Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda, Spain

### **15.55 – 16.05 How the Regional Transport Action Plan (RTAP) for the Mediterranean region can scale up action on urban mobility.**

- Mr. Francesc CARBONELL, Head of Sector for Transport, Union for the Mediterranean

### **16.05 – 17.00 Panel Discussion “Realizing the potential of sustainable transport in the Mediterranean region” – inc. Q&A with the audience**

#### **- Panel:**

- Mrs. María José RALLO, Secretary General of Transport and Mobility, Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda, Spain
  - Eng. Qais QAQZEH, Director of Transport Planning & Studies, Ministry of Transport, Jordan
  - Dr. Hayri BARAÇLI, Secretary General, Union of Turkish Municipalities
  - Mr. Omar Sentissi, Mayor of Salé and President of Rabat-Salé-Kenitra Public Transport Authority
  - Ms. Nadia BOUHRIZ, Deputy Director General, Casablanca Transport
  - Mr. Torsten KLİMKE, Head of Unit, DG Mobility & Transport, B.3 Innovation and Research, European Commission
- Moderated by Mr. Kaan Yıldızgöz, Senior Director – Membership & Global Operations, UITP

#### Discussion and Q&A with the audience around:

- What are the policy measures that are worth replicating and scaling up?
- What are the potentials for the sector, success stories and available opportunities for more ambitious action on urban mobility in the region?
- How could UITP and UITP Members in the Region contribute to the definition of priorities and its successful implementation?

### **17.00 Close**

### **17.15 Announcement and presentation ceremony: MoU renewal between the UfM Secretariat and UITP (at UITP stand, Expo area, hall 7)**

## Day 2

# **Workshop on RTAP measures on Urban Mobility and funding opportunities**

Tuesday, 6 June 2023 | 9.30 – 13.15

Venue: [Union for the Mediterranean](#)

Address: *Palacio de Pedralbes, Pere Duran Farell, 11, 08034 Barcelona, Spain*

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

**09.30 – 10.00 Registration**

**10:00 – 10:15 Introductory remarks**

- UfM Secretariat

**10:15 – 12:30 Working session with UfM countries on future policy priorities in light of the implementation of Action 18 on “Urban Mobility” in the Regional Transport Action Plan**

**10:15 – 11:15 Part 1**

- UfM countries

**11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30 – 12:30 Part 2**

- UfM countries

**12:30 – 13:00 Funding opportunities for Urban Transport in the Mediterranean region**

- Mr Andrea TINAGLI, EIB Representative at the Union for the Mediterranean and Principal Advisor for sustainable finance & Investments

**13.00 – 13.15 Conclusions and Way forward**

- UfM Secretariat

**13.15 – 14.30 Networking Lunch**