

**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Urban Transport: One size fits all? Not always, Chambers say**

At the occasion of today's conference "Towards a European policy for urban transport", which concludes the European Commission's stakeholder consultations on the preparation of a Green Paper on Urban Transport, EUROCHAMBRES encourages the Commission not to plan on imposing new legislation and to continue keeping the subsidiarity principle in mind when finalising the Green Paper.

Arnaldo Abruzzini, Secretary General of EUROCHAMBRES, said: *"In general, the business community supports initiatives that contribute to creating a level playing field throughout the EU. However, because of the diversity of urban areas in terms of size, topography, financial situation, demographic structure and local business activities, common solutions are bound to work well only for some cities, while they might be completely inappropriate for other urban areas. In this case, one size does not fit all."*

EUROCHAMBRES believes that there are a number of ways the EU can contribute to better urban transport, without imposing further legislation. Examples are financing of research and pilot projects for innovative transport solutions, continued promotion of best practice exchanges, and raising awareness among cities of the repercussions their activities may have on a wider area.

### **Stakeholder involvement on all levels welcomed**

EUROCHAMBRES welcomes the broad debate the Commission has initiated during the preparation process of its Green Paper, and reiterates the Chambers' support in communicating the enterprises' needs in order to develop appropriate urban transport solutions.

*"Chambers all over Europe are already working together with city authorities and the business community to find case-specific urban transport solutions. For example, they participate in mobility-related working groups or planning bodies, conduct/co-finance studies about the effects of certain transport policy measures on the business community, raise awareness among companies and provide advice on mobility issues, or are involved in pilot projects for city logistics systems. We are looking forward to doing so also in the future,"* Mr. Abruzzini concluded.

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