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Delegations will find in annex the Council Conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special report No 06/2020, entitled 'Sustainable Urban Mobility in the EU: No substantial improvement is possible without Member States' commitment', as approved by written procedure on 26 June 2020.

Council conclusions

on

Special Report No 06/2020 of the European Court of Auditors:

"Sustainable Urban Mobility in the EU: No substantial improvement is possible without Member States' commitment"

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION:

1. TAKES NOTE of Special Report No 06/2020 by the European Court of Auditors on sustainable urban mobility.
2. REMARKS that the Special Report assesses to which extent EU support has been effective in contributing to improving urban mobility in a sustainable way.
3. AGREES on the importance of improving sustainable urban mobility in the EU and RECOGNISES the links between sustainable urban mobility, reduced environmental pollution, climate change, better quality of life as well as economic growth.
4. ACKNOWLEDGES the Commission's efforts to issue a range of policy documents and guidance on urban mobility.
5. EMPHASISES that in recent years cities have put in place a range of initiatives to expand the quality and quantity of public transport services.
6. ACKNOWLEDGES, however, that greenhouse gas emissions due to road transport continue to increase and STRESSES that strengthened efforts in the approach towards sustainable transport are needed.

7. RECOGNISES that significant amount of funding has been made available by the EU in support of sustainable mobility policy objectives.
8. UNDERLINES that sustainable urban mobility should remain a priority in the framework of the forthcoming MFF.
9. UNDERLINES, however, that investments in public transport infrastructure and rolling stock, for which the EU can provide financial support, need to be complemented with appropriate financial resources at national, regional and local level to ensure adequate operation and maintenance of the public transport network.
10. AGREES that the adoption of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs) and external assessment of the quality of the adopted SUMPs, which may be conducted by a public authority if so provided by national legislation, contributes to improving accessibility of urban areas and sustainable mobility to, through and within the functional urban areas.
11. UNDERLINES that in order to make urban mobility in the EU sustainable, coherent action from all stakeholders is required and RECOGNISES that urban mobility requires considerable political leadership, communication and consistent implementation to win acceptance from citizens and businesses.
12. AGREES with the European Court of Auditors on the need to publish better data on urban mobility and on SUMPs in the trans-European transport network's urban nodes, in a neutral, non-discriminatory and transparent manner.
13. CALLS on Member States, regions and cities to use EU funds more effectively and efficiently in addressing the challenges related to urban mobility, particularly in the context of the 'Green Deal' Communication of the Commission.

14. HIGHLIGHTS that the current epidemiological situation caused by COVID-19 may discourage urban residents from using public transport and therefore UNDERLINES the need to strongly promote the use of public transport integrated with bicycle and other sustainable modes, in a multimodal system, in order to maintain confidence, reduce congestion on roads, improve road safety and achieve the objectives of sustainable development.
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