



## Eurocities European Declaration for Sustainable and Attractive Public Transport in Cities

Dublin City Council has been approached by Eurocities to consider signing a European Declaration for Sustainable and Attractive Public Transport in Cities.

### Overview of Opportunity:

- Eurocities; in collaboration with leading cities and UITP (the public transport organisation), has signed a political declaration on public transport.
- This declaration reaffirms members shared commitment to sustainable urban mobility and calling for more actions from the side of the European and national policymakers.
- This declaration highlights the critical role of accessible, efficient, and environmentally-friendly public transport in shaping the future of our cities.
- Eurocities would like to invite political representatives from Dublin City to add their name to this list of signatories. Those who wish to join can do so by submitting a hand-written signature, which will be incorporated into the official document.
- This declaration will be used for advocacy purposes towards the new EU institutions and builds upon the recommendations of the Eurocities Mobility Forum's policy recommendations for the new mandate 2024-2029.

**Deadline: 29 November 2024, 12:00**

### European City signatories: Current:

European Cities who have signed the Declaration, at an event hosted by Barcelona City Council, on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024:

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| 1. City of Barcelona                            | 2. City of Braga   |
| 3. City of Porto                                | 4. City of Utrecht |
| 5. City of Rome                                 | 6. City of Vienna  |
| 7. City of Tallin                               | 8. City of Madrid  |
| 9. City of Milan                                |                    |
| 10. UITP also signed on behalf of their members |                    |

### Please note:

- Each city was signed by the Deputy Mayor whom have responsibility for either Transport / Mobility / Urban Planning etc.
- Dublin City Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Donna Cooney was also in attendance but did not sign the declaration as it is required to be considered by Protocol Committee.

### Items to note:

#### Eurocities:

Dublin City Council is a member of Eurocities; which is the largest network of European cities. With 75% of people in Europe live in cities; Eurocities has over 200 large cities among its membership, representing more than 150 million people across 38 countries, from within and outside the European Union.

### **UITP:**

UITP (Union Internationale des Transports Publics) is the International Association of Public Transport and a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility. Established in 1885, with more than 135 years of history, it is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes.

### **UITP Europe:**

In Europe, UITP's main activity consists of working closely with **European Union Institutions**, bringing together more than 450 urban, suburban and regional public transport operators and authorities from all member states. UITP represents the perspective of local passenger transport services by all sustainable road, rail and waterborne modes.

A team of UITP experts monitors **EU legislative developments impacting the public transport sector**. They assist and advise members and EU decision-makers concerning all aspects of relevant European policies and inform of these developments through various publications and activities.

Furthermore, UITP has been a leading partner in a wide range of **EU-funded research projects** for many years, with the European Commission recognising UITP as a key interlocutor in promoting public transport stakeholders' priorities for research and innovation.

### **Irish Members of UITP:**

1. ARUP Dublin office
2. Dublin Bus / Bus Atha Cliath
3. Bus Eireann
4. CIE Group / Coras Iompair Eireann
5. Irish Rail / Iarnrod Eireann
6. Jacobs
7. TransDev Dublin

### **Recommendation to Protocol Committee:**

- Whilst the opportunity for involvement in European declarations is beneficial for Dublin City's promotion and involvement at European level; a majority of the content in these declarations are outside our remit; as our European counterparts have wider remits than Dublin City Council.
- However; Dublin City Council has a role in public infrastructure and it would be beneficial to be supportive and commit to this European declaration for Sustainable and Attractive Public Transport in Cities.
- European Declarations when received, should be provided to SMT for information and presented to Protocol Committee for consideration and review for decision on signing.
- All declarations agreed upon should be aligned to Dublin City Council's Corporate Priorities.

### **Next Steps:**

- We will implement the decision of Protocol Committee on this declaration.
- If approved to proceed; confirmation will be provided to Eurocities to include Dublin City on the European Declaration.