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Delegations will find attached an information note prepared by the Presidency which will serve as the basis for the above exchange of views foreseen for the TTE Council on 3 June 2021.



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**Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy**

*3 June 2021*

## Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy – the way forward

Discussion note for the exchange of views

3 June

In December 2020, Heads of State and Government's confirmed at the **European Council** their commitment to meet the objective of a climate-neutral EU by 2050 in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement, and fixed an additional binding EU target of a net domestic reduction of at least 55% in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared to 1990.

The transport sector has a key role in creating growth and jobs and is the backbone of many other sectors of the EU economy. However, at the same time, it currently accounts for around one quarter of the EU's total greenhouse gas emissions and this share in total emissions has continued to increase over time.

Against this background, the EU transport and mobility system and all its modes must be seen, not only as contributing to the problem of climate change, but also as being a central part of the solution.

The Commission adopted in December last year its Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy. It encompasses a vision that largely points towards the same climate objectives and foresees a broad set of initiatives which are prone to ensure that the contribution of the transport and mobility system to those objectives is a substantial one. The measures envisaged in the Strategy also aim at making the transport and mobility system more resilient, competitive and digitalized, beyond a vaster contribution to the broader notion of sustainability – which covers the dimensions of health, safety, inclusiveness and fairness, among others.

A set of Council Conclusions<sup>1</sup> was prepared for approval at the TTE-Transport meeting of the Council in June 2021. Those Conclusions see the Council welcoming the Commission's Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy and subscribing its ambitious vision for the sector in the medium run, while in parallel clarifying the Council's views about how to make the transport and mobility smarter, more sustainable and more resilient.

In this context, and following the approval of those Council Conclusions, the Presidency wishes to promote an exchange of views on the way forward. Concretely, Ministers are invited to share their views on the following questions:

*What other or additional actions or measures would deserve focus so as to achieve the objective of a more sustainable, smarter and more resilient transport and mobility system?*

*Given that achieving this policy objective is conditional to the availability of the appropriate volume of resources (including financial resources), how can it be best ensured that the necessary resources are geared towards the transition to a more sustainable, smarter and more resilient system?*

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<sup>1</sup> doc. 8824/21.

