European Parliament

Committee on Transport and Tourism
The Chair

To the Chair(s) of the Committee(s) in charge of transport

Subject: Invitation to the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on "*Social Climate Plans' implementation in Member States to fight transport poverty*" hosted by the Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) at the European Parliament, Brussels 1st December 2026.

Dear Colleague,

The Social Climate Fund, established in Regulation (EU) 2023/955 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023, aims at making the green transition fair and inclusive. It is expected to mobilise EUR 86,7 billion between 2026 and 2032 to support vulnerable households, transport users and micro-enterprises particularly affected by energy and transport poverty.

To receive funding, each Member State submits a Social Climate Plan to the European Commission, in which it sets out the measures planned in 2026-2032 to support those most affected by the green transition. Ten National Plans have already been submitted.

At this stage of the implementation of the Social Climate Fund, the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism would like to invite you[1] to exchange views **on 1st December 2026 at the European Parliament in Brussels on the topic "*Social Climate Plans' implementation in Member States to fight transport poverty*".**

The definition of transport poverty in the context of the Social Climate Fund Regulation contains the following three dimensions: Affordability, Availability and Accessibility.

Principle 20 of the European Pillar of Social Rights establishes that everyone has the right to access essential services, including transport, and that support for access to such services should be available for those in need. Transport also allows access to other activities that are key for active participation in society and the labour market, such as employment, healthcare, and education. In this context, transport poverty is increasingly

[1] Please note that up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from each national parliament are invited to participate – two from each chamber in the case of bicameral parliaments.

a concern, in particular for vulnerable groups, as it jeopardises access to these services and thereby contributes to social exclusion.

As this ICM will additionally be the TRAN Committee's contribution to the European Parliament's Disability Rights Week, the discussion will also address the disability dimension of the issue.

The Committee on Transport and Tourism of the European Parliament is convinced that this event will provide an opportunity to learn from each other, to raise awareness about common challenges and to share ideas. It would help create common ground for the use of the Social Climate Fund to alleviate transport poverty. I am also convinced that this kind of close cooperation with national parliaments will help the European Parliament better understand national positions in EU-level debates.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to accept the invitation and I am looking forward to welcoming you to this ICM on 1st December.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex: draft programme of the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting