

Establish an 'Intergroup for Sustainable and Safe Active Mobility'



What is an Intergroup?

Intergroups are unofficial groupings of MEPs, organised around cross-committee topics of common interest at the beginning of each term. There will be around 30 Intergroups.

Why an 'Intergroup for Sustainable and Safe Active Mobility'?

More and more people, towns and cities, as well as national governments, realise that better transport systems are possible and in fact needed. Mobility that is active, non-polluting, climate-proof, healthy and socially inclusive; Mobility that is space-efficient, reduces congestion and improves road safety; Mobility that helps create great places to work, live and run businesses, and increases Europe's competitiveness.

The potential for more trips being made on foot, bicycle, and shared mobility services as well as by public transport is huge. However, Europe could still do a lot more to support these sustainable modes of transport. This Intergroup will place modal shift in transport modes high on the political agenda and contribute to EU legislation and spending programmes.

Why should you support an 'Intergroup for Sustainable and Safe Active Mobility'?

- Connect with peers across different political groups and committees;
- Influence the legislative and non-legislative work of EU institutions;
- Raise your profile as a champion among fellow policymakers and the media;
- Build a constructive relationship with stakeholder organisations; gather intelligence around this topic;
- Promote an excellent cause!

Overall vision of the Intergroup

Ensure that every European person has easy access to sustainable, safe active transport modes, in particular to walking, cycling, public transport and shared mobility services. The objective of the Intergroup is to achieve a modal shift in passenger as well as freight transport, both in urban as well as rural settings.

Tasks of the Intergroup

- Monitor legislative and non-legislative work of relevant EP committees, including BUDG, CONT, EMPL, ENVI, IMCO, INTA, ITRE, REGI, TRAN;
- Work on common EU strategies – to put sustainable and safe active mobility needs on the agenda of EU policies;
- Be actively involved in the preparation of EU legislation;
- Explore new emerging issues with regards to Sustainable and Safe Active Mobility;
- Regularly stay in contact with partners, academia, practitioners and civil society.

Outputs of the Intergroup:

- Organise public events, bike rides, walking tours, etc.
- Issue press releases;
- Meet with peers from national parliaments and local authorities;
- Liaise with companies active in the sector, e.g. visits to manufacturing sites, start-ups, grassroots civil society organisations etc.

Specific topics the 'Intergroup for Sustainable and Safe Active Mobility' could address:

- The European transport and mobility system of the future (discussion on the next European Commission White Paper for Transport);
- The next Urban Mobility Strategy setting the targets for modal shift;
- Road Safety programmes for safer walking and cycling, including through the implementation of the General Safety Regulation for safer vehicles and the Road Infrastructure Safety Management Directive for safer infrastructures;
- (C-)ITS, future autonomous cars and how to interact with pedestrians and cyclists;
- How active mobility addresses physical inactivity, key risk factors for chronic diseases, air pollution and climate emergency; Implement the Sustainable Development Goals, including targets 3.4 and 3.6, covering active and safe mobility respectively, as well as 11.2; on public transport;
- The use of EU funds for investments in sustainable and safe active mobility;
- A TEN-T for Cycling? EuroVelo, the long-distance cycle route network;
- Promotion of relevant e-mobility solutions; type-approval, Motor Insurance Directive;
- Professional qualification / Vocational training for people working in the cycling tourism sector, bicycle industry, public transport;

Organisations supporting an 'Intergroup for Sustainable and Safe Active Mobility'

