

GERMAN PRESIDENCY OF THE EU

THE TRANSPORT AGENDA



THE CONTEXT

The pandemic has affected the transport sector in profound ways. Therefore, one of the main tasks of the German Presidency will be to ensure a lasting and prosperous recovery of the sector with a green and digital transition at its core. The soon-to-be-presented **New Mobility Approach** will be Germany's response to the European Commission's **Green Deal**.

The main elements of the Presidency's transport agenda include **enhancing the exchange of data** by improving existing infrastructure and promote, for instance, digital solutions to advance on autonomous driving.

The Presidency will also focus, among other things, on the **Europe-wide development of refuelling and charging infrastructures** for electromobility as well as the goal of making flying carbon neutral.

PRIORITIES AND KEY FILES (LEGISLATIVE & NON-LEGISLATIVE)

- Ensure, together with EU Transport Ministers, the coordination of a common understanding of the **necessary hygiene and infection control provisions** to assure cross-border passengers.
- The Presidency will see the Commission's publications of a **comprehensive Strategy for a Sustainable and Smart Mobility** to build a resilient and crisis-proof transport system.
- Work on sustainable initiatives, such as upcoming proposals for **ReFuelEU Aviation** (Sustainable Aviation Fuels) and **FuelEU Maritime** (Green European Maritime Space) to significantly reduce emissions.
- On this note, the Presidency also intends to lay the groundwork for the revision of the **EU Directive on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (AFID)**, which has been announced for 2021.
- Work on the reform of the **Single European Sky** to increase the efficiency of air traffic management and safety needs will be a key priority over the course of the summer.
- Continued **ICAO Coordination**, especially with regards to the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA).
- Preparation for the European **Year of Rail 2021** to promote rail as a sustainable, innovative, and safe mode of transport.
- Advance on the revision of the **Eurovignette Directive** to optimise the road transport system and improve its efficiency.
- The Presidency intends to develop a **European pandemic contingency plan for freight transport** to be better equipped for a similar situation in the future.

THE AGENDA-SETTER

Andreas Scheuer

- Born in 1974
- Federal Minister for Transport and Digital Infrastructure
- Member of the Christian Social Union in Bavaria (CSU)
- Driving the transport agenda, Scheuer described the need for a New Mobility Approach with the following words: *"We have to take climate friendliness as the starting point of our endeavours and as a stimulus for innovations in Europe."*



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AGENDA: TIMELINE



JULY 2020

Minister Scheuer presents New Mobility Approach in the EP TRAN Committee (video conference)
13 July 2020

Aviation Summit (digital event)
23 July 2020

Conference on refuelling and charging infrastructure for electric road support
3 September 2020

SEPTEMBER 2020

EU Council of Transport Ministers
28 September 2020

Virtual Conference — Innovative Rail Transport
21 September 2020

Debate on “Greening Shipping” in Hamburg
8 September 2020

OCTOBER 2020

Maritime Directors Meeting
6-7 October 2020

Informal meeting of EU Transport Ministers in Passau: “The digital transformation of mobility — sustainable, safe and efficient”
29-30 October 2020

EASA Safety Conference / EU-ECAC dialogue in Friedrichshafen
2-5 November 2020

NOVEMBER 2020

EU Council of Transport Ministers
8 December

Berlin Aviation Summit II
24 November 2020

Conference on “Open Data for Smart Mobility in Europe”
17 November 2020

DECEMBER 2020

2021

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