

The FFPE keeps its promises: The petition on a sustainable staff Transport policy with its 4000 signatures has been handed-over to Vice-President Kallas



The FFPE has submitted last April a petition to the Commission staff with regard to the reopening of the negotiations with the Administration in favour of a coherent and sustainable Public Transport policy for the staff throughout the Commission.

With nearly 4000 signatures collected by June, the FFPE has achieved a major success.

One year after the European Economic and Social Committee and the Commission in Luxembourg, the Council of Minister finally granted its staff the partial reimbursement of subscription fees for public transport.

The FFPE believes that the European Commission, one of the biggest employers in the Brussels' region should be an example in the matter of staff mobility at the European level implementing the policy recommendations it advocates the Member States to follow.

In that spirit, the FFPE has handed over this petition with its 4000 signatures to Vice-President Kallas today, Thursday 24 September 2009.

During the discussion with Vice-President Kallas, the FFPE focused on two objectives to be achieved as soon as possible:

- To obtain the full or at least partial reimbursement of subscription fees for public transport by "Train-Tram-Bus" starting on 1 January 2010 for all staff;
- To develop, in liaison with 'Brussels Capital-Region', an improved and sustainable Public Transport Policy that is easily accessible to all.

In addition, FFPE requested that the following points be carefully examined in order to further improve the Commission staff transport policy:

- Promote access to 'Brussels' Capital' Villo initiative in addition to the services' bikes ;
- Allow staff representatives to participate in groups such as ILISWG (Inter-Institutional Infrastructures Logistics and Internal services Working Group) ;
 - Develop other initiatives such as car-sharing or car-pooling ;
- Develop on-line parking reservation mechanism given that the parking spaces should remain accessible to all and free of charge.