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**The Federation proposes 3 concrete measures
to offer all colleagues easier and sustainable
mobility solutions.**

The European Commission has adopted a buildings policy for 2021-2030 and is preparing to adopt a communication “Greening the Commission”

*These policies have at least one point in common:
They provide for the transfer onto the back of staff of a large
number of expenses previously borne by the Commission.*



In particular, this building policy provides for the removal of Commission parking spaces in accordance with Belgian rules for buildings such as Loi 107: “The One”.

Even if the Federation understands the aim pursued by these parking restrictions, it considers that such a building policy should be accompanied by a policy to support mobility from the house to the place of work and between Commission buildings.

Colleagues should not be left alone to resolve the difficulties arising from such decisions but must be able to rely on the Commission. The Commission must undertake concrete actions for staff and develop realistic and modern options for facilitated and sustainable mobility.

The Federation recommends that the Commission adopt the following 3 measures and initiate the necessary discussions with the Belgian public authorities concerned to improve transport facilities.



→ Promote the purchase and use of bicycles, scooters and pedestrian mobility

Unlike public transport, for which a Commission intervention already exists, there is no incentive for colleagues to take a bicycle or scooter or, even better, run or walk and encourage active travel to and from home and between buildings during the day.

Incentives exist in most of the municipalities of Brussels and the periphery, but conditions of access differ from one place of residence to another and colleagues are therefore treated very unequally.

Specifically, **the Federation** calls on the Commission to provide incentives at the same level as the aid it provides to reduce the cost of public transport season tickets.



→ Promote more frequent and cheaper public transport

Public transport clearly represents a less polluting alternative than car, but unfortunately, despite progress, the services offered remain expensive and, above all, insufficient.

The use of combined transport should also be facilitated and supported. It must be possible to take public transport with a bicycle or to be able to leave the car in peripheral car parks.

The Federation requests the Commission to use its full weight to engage in discussions with the Belgian public authorities in order to:

- facilitate access to stations with the installation of secure bicycle parking facilities around the station and the provision of self-service scooters and bikes to quickly navigate the remaining distance between the station and the place of work;
- increase the number of parking spaces in stations which must remain free for commuters;
- increase the frequency of train services and
- ensure better geographical coverage by train and metro.

The Federation supports the idea already germinating in the Brussels Capital Region of introducing free public transport in the city, like in Luxembourg.



→ **Implementing an exchange platform to promote car-pooling**

Sharing a car to go to work or take children to school could help to de-congest roads and save fuel.

Car-pooling is a solution to be considered where the public transport offer is still lacking and indeed when the “Covid” situation is better stabilised.

You certainly have colleagues who make the same journeys as you to work. With car-pooling, you can save money, meet new colleagues and reduce pollution by reducing traffic.

The Federation calls for the establishment of a platform for the exchange and sharing of car journeys.

The Federation supports initiatives for a better quality of life and active protection of the planet!

