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The Barcelona Declaration highlights the special role of public transport authorities in creating a carbon free and sustainable metropolitan mobility system in Europe

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The association of European Metropolitan Transport Authorities (EMTA) today launched the Barcelona Declaration to highlight the special role of public transport authorities in shaping liveable and prosperous urban regions.

Outgoing EMTA president **Dorthe Nørh Pedersen**, CEO of MOVIA, and vice-president **Laurent Probst**, CEO of Ile-de-France Mobilités, invited political leaders attending the EMTA conference and listed below to endorse the declaration:

- **Marco Gabusi**, Piedmont Region, Regional Councillor for Transport, President of the AMP Assembly,
- **Grégoire de Lasteyrie**, Ile-de-France Region, Vice-president of Ile-de-France Mobilités,
- **Carla Tavares**, Lisbon Metropolitan Area, President of the Metropolitan Council,
- **Anton Fendert**, Region Stockholm, Chairman of the transport committee

The launch of the declaration marks the 25th anniversary of EMTA. On this occasion a conference was organised on 27 October 2023 with guests from the European Commission, POLIS, UITP and with elected representatives from EMTA regions. Participants discussed the ways for public transport authorities to deliver a broad range of policy goals thanks to the orchestration of sustainable mobility solutions, thus illustrating and reinforcing the message stated in the declaration.

In the Barcelona Declaration, EMTA members:

- Stand responsible for making public transport the preferred choice for most journeys,
- Call for clear and renewed commitments to public transport in national and EU legislations,
- Commit to continue integrating local and regional services into high quality metropolitan public transport systems,
- Call for nuanced regulations that distinguish metropolitan travel demand from long distance travel,

- Call for structural channels for collaboration with EU, as well as for formal mandates from national and European governments,
- Call for grants towards decarbonisation, including the possibility for metropolitan areas to apply for direct funds with the EU at a scale that reflects the magnitude of challenges at stake.

Photos of the signatories:

- <https://www.emta.com/news/the-emta-declaration-highlights-the-special-role-of-public-transport-authorities/>

Text of the declaration :

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