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Early 2001 the E. Commission presented its Political Document under the ambitious title **"European Transport Policy for 2010: Time to decide"**, targeting to a high level of mobility, environmental protection, safety, less congestion and innovation. However, already at 2005, the E. Commission recognised the need to revise its highly political document and recently, one year after, the Revised Transport White paper has been formally presented by Commissioner Barrot.

ASECAP and its members follow the developments and

- **Note** that:

- The revision does not touch upon the existing objectives and targets of the 2001 White Paper which remain always valid. This is a logic choice, given that these targets are an important part of the EU Lisbon Agenda.

- **Consider as positive** that the revised White Paper changes the strategy to be followed , so:

1. **Introduces a more pragmatic approach** and modifies the previous (proven wrong) restrictive and dogmatic measures which have restricted the basic principles of the free market (the artificial "modal shift dogma" being one of them).
2. **Recognises the crucial role of the private sector** and invites for a well functioning ppp, scheme leading to the designing, financing, structuring and operating of a sustainable EU infrastructure network, functioning as the backbone of realistic socially oriented EU transport policy.

- **Consider as negative** that the revised document

- **addresses in an dangerously superficial way the extremely sensitive ITS domain**, which is the only reliable instrument of the future urban and interurban transport management mechanism to be established in EU.

Structuring an urban, interurban and international transport frame is always a socio-economic choice at regional and European level. A holistic approach (rather than analysing isolated objectives and strategies) should be the basis of a realistic road map that still needs to be designed and implemented by the European legislator. **ASECAP and its members will be always ready to assist.**