DECLARATION OF BILBAO:

“Towards a more sustainable urban mobility”

The Declaration of Bilbao emerges as an international document that brings together the commitments shared by local governments, international organizations, private companies from different sectors (automotive, transport, energy, technology, start-ups) and the academic and knowledge centres, with the objective to implement models of sustainable urban mobility in our cities.

Objectives:

The main objective of the Declaration of Bilbao is to compile the commitments shared by an array of public and private stakeholders, who have the capacity to transform and generate an impact towards the construction of more sustainable urban mobility models. In this regard, the Declaration of Bilbao adheres to the efforts made at an international level to promote sustainable global development, in line with the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda.

Commitments:

The public and private entities which are signing this document commit to undertake the following actions:

1. Local and regional governments commit to create spaces for the exchange of ideas and citizen participation in order to nourish the decision-making process in urban mobility. While the private and academic sector, as well as civil society organizations commit participate in this governance system.

2. Governing bodies commit to promote regulatory frameworks which allow the development of new mobility models, setting up the minimum standards that ensure environmental and social sustainability as well as incentive the socioeconomic development based on sustainable urban mobility. The business sector commits to comply with these regulatory frameworks and to develop and to new businesses around sustainable urban mobility models.

3. Local governments commit to putting urban planning at the service of sustainable mobility, guaranteeing the proper functioning of efficient, sustainable and inclusive public transport systems.
4. Transport, automotive and energy sector companies commit to gradually guide their design and production processes related to mobility towards sustainable means of transport, which generate minimal impact on the environment, while being safe and efficient. This commitment includes embracing alternative fuels as well upgrading the fleet, which will reduce emissions and improve the urban quality of air.

5. Companies and governing bodies commit to establish a roadmap that promotes the energy transition process in a more collaborative way, taking into consideration environmental issues and socioeconomic realities. Likewise, agents involved in the electric mobility industry agree to establish a common roadmap for the implementation of electric mobility in cities, facilitating the construction of charging infrastructure.

6. Transport, automotive and technology companies commit to put their R&D&i processes and new technologies at the service of sustainable urban mobility. Likewise, companies which work in the handling of personal or sensitive data from citizens commit to protect their privacy. Public authorities will look after the fulfilment of this commitment and also integrate it into the governments’ Smart City programmes, reinforcing smart mobility.

7. The authorities responsible for planning for transport and mobility in cities commit to implement equality and a gender perspective, promoting the participation of women in decision-making to design more safe and accessible transportation systems.

8. The agents involved in sustainable urban mobility will work to favour the social inclusion responding to the demands of the most vulnerable population groups. The private sector agrees to collaborate in the formulation and implementation of these initiatives which promote inclusiveness.

9. Local governments commit to promote the use of collective transport through the investment on collective transport systems which are affordable, accessible and effective. Local governments and society commit to seek and find a formula to make transportation both efficient and affordable.

10. Local governments commit to push forward initiatives related to urban mobility to reduce air and acoustic pollution, while companies commit to find alternatives which align to this vision.

In addition to the previous commitments, the organizations and entities signing the Declaration of Bilbao also agree to periodically follow up on each other and use future editions of the Sustainable Urban Mobility Congress to share the progress made by their actions.

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