



T4SM believes that **real change happens at the local level**, and therefore its members actively engage in the development of **sustainable and smart mobility** within cities, peri-urban and rural areas in collaboration with local authorities, under local and national legislation.

The taxi sector has been at the forefront of **fighting the COVID-19 pandemic**, ensuring continuous transport and providing free rides to medical staff across Europe while also helping the most vulnerable with getting food or seeing a doctor. The pandemic has also shed light on what needs to be done to ensure a strong

future for EU mobility. Our members work continuously to ensure that the sector is resilient and forward-looking while providing their taxi drivers at the frontline of the pandemic with adequate support and ensuring a decent living standard for them.

As the EU regulatory environment advances and new players enter the market, we believe that it is of the utmost importance to **recognise the unique nature of the taxi industry**. Taxis are part of the public transport systems in local areas and ensure mobility for all people at any time and any place.

As the taxi business is not characteristically cross-border, respect for the **uniqueness of each culture** is ultimately what makes it successful by being able to cater to the needs of customers. Keeping regulations at the local and national level allows cities

and countries to best deal with existing and arising challenges locally, and allows them to take advantage of the available infrastructure to ensure the provision of the best services to citizens.

We call on the European Commission to ensure that the future of mobility is sustainable, innovative, socially responsible, and safe while acknowledging the unique nature of the taxi sector which requires local regulations and enforcement.



T4SM strongly supports the ambitions of the European Green Deal. Our members green their fleets by taking up zero- and low-emission vehicles to reduce their CO₂ emissions. Therefore, in collaboration with the local and national authorities, the taxi business helps to improve air quality and citizens' well-being. To accelerate the green transition, wide deployment of suitable infrastructure, consistent with local specificities and vehicles, as well as EU funding for businesses are key.

T4SM members are strongly committed to **enabling the digital transition in mobility** by making the taxi industry more innovative. T4SM believes that data sharing with public authorities (B2G) greatly improves public understanding of mobility patterns, as long as they are equipped with the right tools and expertise to analyse the data. However, even in such cases, the **principle of voluntary participation** should be respected. To truly allow for data sharing to serve the best interest of consumers, policy arrangements should outline clear gains by establishing a baseline level of data sharing that is required for a successful digital transition in mobility. The integration of transparency and trustworthiness in

contractual provisions can further boost data sharing on a voluntary basis, considering that data is a key asset with monetary value. Moreover, liability conditions must be clearly established between the different actors involved in data sharing, and a clear distinction between B2G and the commercial (B2B) data sharing should be made.

On the social aspects, T4SM finds it of the utmost importance to ensure adequate working conditions for taxi drivers, especially considering the long-term relationship taxi companies generally have with their drivers. T4SM members are also proud of their role in enabling the mobility of vulnerable groups and will continue to put it at the top of their priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

Our members are driven by **sustainability, digital innovation, and social responsibility**, which we believe are the **values at the core of the future of mobility**. Maintaining local and national regulatory capability is key, as it is the only effective legal framework that can facilitate the necessary transition to sustainable and smart mobility.

T4SM therefore expresses its interest in collaborating with the European institutions in implementing policies relevant to the future of mobility.



SUSTAINABILITY

When implementing the **EU Strategy for a Sustainable and Smart Mobility**:

- **pay close attention to creating a business case for fleet greening**, in particular for small taxi businesses with the driver being both the owner and the employee;
- **create financial support tools** for taxi businesses in greening their fleets;
- **work closely with local representatives of the sector** to develop an effectively functioning network of refueling and fast-recharging stations for green taxis;
- **ensure technological neutrality** in the promotion of zero- and low-emission vehicles.



DIGITAL INNOVATION

When reviewing **Intelligent Transport Systems**:

- **help Member States and local authorities** to develop the tools needed to read and analyse the data provided by the transport sector while ensuring the voluntary nature of data sharing;
- **support Member States and local authorities** in ensuring the efficiency, transparency, and trustworthiness of voluntary data sharing by establishing clear liability conditions between different actors and baseline levels of data sharing required;
- **introduce measures to help the Member States and local authorities** reflect the

monetary value of data in voluntary data sharing arrangements;

- **provide financial support to taxi businesses** to unleash the potential of digitalisation and Mobility as a Service (MaaS).

When implementing the **legislation for the governance of the European mobility data space**:

- **ensure that the principles of competitiveness and non-discrimination are upheld** in the creation of a Single Market for data;
- **ensure those data sharing arrangements are efficient, transparent, and trustworthy** by developing clear liability conditions between different actors and required baseline levels for data sharing.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In adopting and implementing **rules for platform workers**:

- **ensure compliance with existing national and local legislation and prioritise the security and safety** of those who choose to make a living through these platforms;
- **keep the current two definitions of "independent worker" and "employee"**, instead of creating a complex third status, thus giving drivers legal clarity.

In adopting and implementing the **Fair Minimum Wage Directive**:

- **ensure that employees of the taxi sector are guaranteed a minimum wage**, with the necessary social protection in line with the national legislation;
- **Ensure that the national legislation reinforces social protection**, especially in case of illness, notably when the taxi driver is the owner and sole employee of an enterprise