

# FAIR TRANSPORT FOR EUROPE

TOGETHER FOR  
DECENT WORK!



European transport workers are under attack, facing unfair competition, social dumping and exploitation. The result: job losses, poor working conditions, precarious contracts and low wages.

But another way is possible. Workers across Europe are joining forces. We demand that employers and politicians unleash the power of transport to create millions of quality jobs for Europe.

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# Stop social dumping and wage exploitation

Transport keeps Europe moving. We all depend on transport services for travel and trade, and millions of Europeans work in the sector.

Unfortunately European transport is in danger. Unfair competition and dodgy business practices damage quality services, undermine workers' rights and increase safety risks for everyone.

## Social dumping affects transport workers all over Europe:

- **Workers sent to other countries are often paid less than local employees.**
- **Dangerously long hours, as employers and governments ignore the rules about rest time.**
- **Jobs destroyed by unfair competition on the basis of cost, not quality.**
- **International businesses shopping for the cheapest contracts, leaving workers without clear access to healthcare and social security.**
- **Workers pushed onto short term and precarious contracts.**
- **Constant subcontracting, agency work and fake self-employment – breaking the link between staff and employers.**

In the past decades, politicians at EU and national level have pushed for a more liberal, integrated and competitive transport sector. However, they never set up proper

international rules to protect workers, businesses and citizens.

Companies exposed to excessive competition react with social dumping. They avoid or abuse social regulations in the name of short term profits.

This social dumping pushes down wages and working conditions for the transport

sector all over Europe. It also increases the divisions between people from different national and professional groups. That's not just a threat to transport jobs – it's a danger to social cohesion and people's belief in an open European society.



# Fair Transport for Europe

Another way is possible. The transport sector can create millions of quality jobs for Europeans. Secure contracts, adequate pay and fair working conditions are not outrageous demands – they are universal rights.

Unfettered competition is a destructive force. Relentless profit-seeking robs workers of their dignity. It threatens the stability and safety of our transport system. But we can stop this. Europe can choose better.

Change will happen if transport workers stand together to demand their rights. Solidarity is not an empty word. Workers across Europe have a common interest in fighting social dumping and defending the rules that guarantee decent work.



## Our vision for Fair Transport in Europe:

- Politicians and governments should support high-quality transport services, not a rush to cut costs.
- Rules and regulations must protect workers and businesses from unfair competition.
- The EU's new Labour Authority must have the power to investigate and stop abuses of international workers.
- We must strengthen public transport systems, to provide affordable, quality services to all citizens.
- Gender-based violence in the workplace must stop – passengers, colleagues and managers must be held accountable.

We cannot allow social dumping to destroy quality jobs. If we stand together we can build Fair Transport for Europe.

**LET'S FIGHT FOR DIGNITY AT WORK!**



## Fair Transport Europe

Fair Transport Europe is a campaign against social dumping in the European transport sector. We are fighting for quality jobs for transport workers and a safe, reliable service for customers. European transport trade unions are standing together to demand an end to unfair competition and exploitation. We're organising across Europe to show the strength of our movement, building up to an international week of action in March 2019. With the European Elections fast approaching, we expect clear commitments from politicians that they will defend and develop quality work in the transport sector. That's Fair Transport!

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