



# The Transition to a long-term sustainable transport system EESC's view

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- EU has high ambitions in the Green transition
- Proposals in FitFor55 are often the strictest world wide
- Remaining problems: cost increases, effects on competitiveness, questionable social acceptance
- Solutions must be acceptable, manageable, credible, flexible

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- *Key concepts*: technological neutrality, coherent and flexible solutions, cost efficiency, measurable results, social acceptance
- Less sticks, more carrots – green transition must be attractive to business and people.
- *The most essential condition* for the Green Deal to be a success and for the EU to really take the lead in the green transition is acceptance by citizens and business. They must be ready to buy into both the 90 % emissions reduction objective 2050 and in particular the means used to get there.

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- We see *three main conditions* for such a success:
- First – Business must feel that they are not burdened with excessive costs and that they will remain competitive, not only within but also outside the EU.
- Second – employees must experience the transition as acceptable and be given a real possibility to adapt to new working conditions in a socially acceptable manner.
- Third – citizens – both in agglomerations and rural areas must be granted accessibility and mobility at a reasonable cost and under good general conditions.

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- *Important tools*: digitalisation, development of renewables, improved efficiency, multimodality, optimal use of available solutions, technological neutrality, credible management, flexible solutions (less one-size-fits-all), create consensus through social dialogue
- *Focus* should be on the best way of getting results, with more emphasis on encouragement than restrictions!