

Press Release

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**COLIBI & COLIPED welcome new European
Commissioner for Transport**

On 18 June, the European Parliament approved the appointment of **Mr Antonio Tajani (Italy) as new European Commissioner for Transport**. Mr Tajani herewith succeeds Mr Jacques Barrot, who has become the new Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs.

Before his appointment as Transport Commissioner, Mr Tajani was member of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats in the European Parliament.

In a joint letter, COLIBI & COLIPED congratulated the new Transport Commissioner on his appointment. The European bicycle and bicycle parts' associations seized this opportunity to draw Mr Tajani's attention to their requests/recommendations made in the framework of the Commission's Green Paper on Urban Transport:

- **To appoint a European Bicycle Officer (EBO) within the EC**
- **To produce and introduce reliable and comparable data/statistics. To introduce clear-cut European standards for conducting comparable and reliable surveys and for the production of statistics so that the same measurement and assessment methods are used throughout all EU Member States. A harmonised reporting system for Member States should be set up.**
- **To remove barriers and facilitate easier access to financial means for all transport 'players' and to fight the current imbalance in the allocation of financial means by introducing effective criteria that serve sustainability and by closely monitoring their application.**
- **To set clear objectives for the modal share of cycling and for cyclists' safety.**

COLIBI and COLIPED strongly believe that the European Commission should take responsibility and fully integrate the bicycle in their transport and other policies.
