

**Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles, and the enforcement of the obligation to insure against such liability (Codified version)**

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(2008/C 224/08)

On 22 April 2008, the Council of the European Union decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

*Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles, and the enforcement of the obligation to insure against such liability (Codified version)*

Since the Committee unreservedly endorses the content of the proposal and feels that it requires no comment on its part, it decided, at its 445th plenary session of 28 and 29 May 2008 (meeting of 29 May), by 80 votes and 3 abstentions, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text.

Brussels, 29 May 2008.

The President  
of the European Economic and Social Committee  
Dimitris DIMITRIADIS

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**Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Green paper: Towards a new culture for urban mobility**

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On 25 September 2007, the European Commission decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 262 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

*Green paper: Towards a new culture for urban mobility*

The Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society, which was responsible for preparing the Committee's work on the subject, adopted its opinion on 8 May 2008. The rapporteur was **Mr Hernández Bataller** and the co-rapporteur was **Mr Barbadillo López**.

At its 445th plenary session, held on 28 and 29 May 2008 (meeting of 29 May), the European Economic and Social Committee adopted the following opinion unanimously.

**1. Conclusions and recommendations**

quality and protection for passengers, and promoting cycling and walking.

1.1 The EESC considers that urban mobility policy should prioritise in particular urban planning, the information society and information technologies, good practice, especially involving the creation of public areas for pedestrians and cyclists, and an integrated approach to infrastructure.

1.3 This will require planning towns and cities in an appropriate and compact manner and restricting demand for private, motorised transport, on the basis of consistent, rational spatial and urban planning.

1.2 The EESC offers its support to the Commission and hopes that it will boost Community measures for mobility, in particular to prioritise public transport with a high level of

1.4 The EESC considers that, regardless of any other type of measure adopted, Directive 85/377/EEC and Directive 2001/42/EC should be amended in the form set out in this opinion.