

**Question for written answer E-000750/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Public transport price hike in Bologna and EU climate targets

The Municipality of Bologna's recent decision to raise the cost of bus tickets has sparked much concern among residents. From 1 March 2025, the cost of a single ticket will soar by 53.3 %, jumping from EUR 1.50 to EUR 2.30. This price hike comes at a critical juncture for urban mobility in Bologna with the city contending with tram construction works and travel disruption on buses. Bologna is now the city with the most expensive public transport in Italy.

The 2019 communication on the European Green Deal introduced new ambitious climate targets, including the goal to make Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050. These targets were made binding in 2021, when they were laid down in the European Climate Law.

Public transport alleviates road traffic, improves energy efficiency and promotes a more sustainable mobility.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Is the public transport price hike in Bologna – which will encourage the use of private vehicles and increase CO₂ emissions – consistent with the EU's climate targets?
2. Can the Commission take action to ensure that local public transport policies in Bologna and other European cities are consistent with the EU's sustainability goals?

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