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on creating and promoting a European Travel Card

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Written declaration, under Rule 136 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, on creating and promoting a European Travel Card¹

1. The majority of major European cities have effective travel card systems in place, such as London's Oyster Card, Dublin's Leap Card and Paris's Navigo pass. These systems make cities' transport systems more customer-friendly and allow for more efficient transport systems.
2. When cities have multifunctional transport cards which can be used on various forms of transport, citizens are encouraged to take advantage of these and can, in addition, avail of more eco-friendly transport modes such as city bike schemes.
3. Having one universal card could help to boost tourism around Europe if citizens were able to enjoy the local travel benefits of having a travel card even whilst abroad experiencing new cities.
4. The Council and the Commission are hence called upon to consider initiatives to:
 - a. formulate a single European Travel Card for use in all major European cities on multiple forms of public transport;
 - b. promote the inclusion of eco-friendly forms of transport such as bike-sharing programmes within the travel card scheme;
 - c. make the travel card easily accessible to all European citizens even if they live outside a major city. Tourists should be able to top up their travel cards before leaving for their destination.
5. This declaration, together with the names of the signatories, is forwarded to the Council and the Commission.

¹ Under Rule 136(4) and (5) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure, where a declaration is signed by a majority of Parliament's component Members, it is published in the minutes with the names of its signatories and forwarded to the addressees, without however binding Parliament.