Think Tanks for Transforming Transport in Europe (4T for Europe)

Founding Declaration

5 November 2026 – Today, we are proud to announce the launch of Think Tanks for Transforming Transport in Europe (4T for Europe). As a network of independent, non-profit think tanks from ten European countries, we will develop policy recommendations to support the transformation of the transport sector to achieve climate neutrality by mid-century.

Europe's ambition is to become the world's first climate-neutral continent and thereby fulfil its commitments under the Paris Agreement. The members of 4T for Europe are united in the conviction that the well-managed transformation to climate neutrality – not least in the transport sector – will advance social equity, economic prosperity, and Europe's long-term strategic autonomy and resilience. Our joint work will initially focus on road transport, the main source of greenhouse gas emissions in the transport sector, and its electrification as the primary lever for decarbonisation by mid-century. At the same time, we will pursue our work on the broader transition to sustainable transport.

Mobility systems are undergoing fundamental change, presenting policymakers with challenges and opportunities in equal measure. Against this backdrop, electrification in particular can reduce mobility costs, strengthen energy security, and support long-term prosperity. What is needed today is a comprehensive and coherent policy package to accelerate market uptake of electric vehicles, support the transformation of industry, and ensure that all segments of society can take part in the transformation and share in its benefits.

While the European Union has set the overall direction of travel, the objective of climate neutrality in transport can only be achieved if national governments step up and adopt effective complementary policies. From vehicle taxation and industrial policy to the social dimension of the transition, a wide range of policy decisions lie at the national and sub-national levels, even where responsibilities are shared with EU institutions. By the end of this decade, policymakers at all levels will need to make critical, evidence-based decisions on how to advance the transformation of the transport sector. Against this background, 4T for Europe will:

- share knowledge and bring country-specific expertise to policy debates;
- compare national policy responses and identify transferable solutions;
- conduct joint research and develop common policy recommendations;
- provide policymakers with evidence on effective policy action; and
- develop shared strategies and communication approaches.

Our network will focus on implementation in European countries, while engaging with networks and organisations in other regions. By forming this network, we have committed to combining our knowledge, capacities, and experience, while respecting the autonomy of each member organisation. Together, we will connect national expertise across Europe – and thus help to bring about a climate-neutral transport sector.

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