

Brussels, 14 March 2017

Pollution, traffic bottlenecks. It's time to act **Total refund of the train, tram, metro and bicycle allowance**



Brussels has become one of the most congested cities on the planet and the air quality is very bad. By way of example, fine particles emitted largely by diesel and petrol engines alone already exceed the World Health Organization (WHO) threshold by 80 %!

In Europe, the Commission intends to reduce the maximum fine particle emission threshold by 50% for 2030, which could **result in the avoidance of 48.300 premature deaths**.

TAO-AFI believes that our institution could already act on its policy objective by adopting measures to encourage the use of public transport and cycling by its staff, of course on a voluntary basis.

Particularly taking into account the forthcoming Brussels Capital Mobility Plan, which provides for the pedestrianisation of the Schuman Roundabout area by 2019, **TAO-AFI** repeats its proposals for two actions to be decided immediately and others which can be programmed in the medium term:

Immediate Actions (2018):

- Total refund of the train, tram, metro season tickets
- Granting of a bicycle allowance

Medium-term actions (2020-2022):

- A reserved parking area in each building for hybrid and/or electric cars and clean shared cars.
- To install electric chargers in the garages

TAO-AFI suggests the budget for this operation can be found by reducing the too frequent moves and purchase of paper, and re-use of funds formerly used to finance the bus line 22, and so on.

We are at your disposal!



Executive committee

TAO-AFI

Your **TAO-AFI** team: *Raúl Trujillo Herrera, Rosario de Simone, Marco de Stefano, Francesca Amoruso, Juan Luis Barbolla Casas, Danny Scheerlinck, Joaquín Vidaller.*

Join TAO-AFI to reinforce the staff's action and to be informed on your rights!



TAO-AFI, The Association of Independent Officials

Joseph II 70 street, 01/208 at 1049 Brussels Tel: 02/29 62589 – fax : 02/29 64325
Osp-Tao-Afi@ec.europa.eu

www.tao-afi.eu