



Passauer Erklärung

Passau, as an open border town, symbolizes the European idea and cross-border mobility. Passau connects cultures, nations, science, and economy, making it an exemplary place to reaffirm our vision of a united, mobile, and free Europe.

The Deutsche Verkehrswissenschaftliche Gesellschaft e. V., the Österreichische Verkehrswissenschaftliche Gesellschaft and the EPTS Foundation e. V. are committed to a united Europe based on common values, solidarity, and cooperation. A strong Europe ensures peace, prosperity, and security for all people in Europe.

Borderless mobility is a fundamental need. It is an expression of the freedom of all people, it connects diverse individuals and enables the exchange of goods, ideas, knowledge, and innovations. This not only promotes the European internal market but also strengthens the sense of European unity. It contributes to stability, prosperity, and the community of values in Europe by opening up new perspectives and thus fostering social cohesion.

The Schengen area and mutual understanding are, in the view of the transport science societies, cornerstones for prosperity and peace in Europe. Through the collaboration of scientists from various nations and disciplines, we promote mutual understanding and acceptance through discourse and cooperation.

We call for the removal of mobility barriers so that artificially maintained walls in people's minds and national states become a thing of the past. Only with simple and understandable rules and laws, as well as a seamless and barrier-free infrastructure across Europe, will mobility be accessible to all. Such low-threshold, cross-border transport connections are indispensable for the inclusivity of the European idea.

We invite intensive cooperation and exchange in transport science and within the mobility and logistics sector—explicitly across modes of transport and national borders. By learning from each other and leveraging synergies, we can create efficient and sustainable mobility in Europe.

This declaration strengthens cooperation and mutual understanding among all people in Europe. It is drafted, signed, and lived on the occasion of the 10th German Mobility Congress (Deutschen Mobilitätskongress), where a guest country is invited for the first time.

To further promote the European idea, it will be signed on July 9, 2024, in Passau by:

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