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*«The Role of Public Authorities in Sustainable Mobility,  
Urban Transport and Tourism»*

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Yermasoyia in 2019

➤ Cyprus was declared an independent state in 1960. Although that, the Council of Ministers set up the Urban Council in 1979.



➤ The cities in Cyprus have been developed by following a transport plan that emphasized motor traffic and infrastructure without counting the quality of life of citizens and the impacts on the environment.

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- The infrastructure is developed by promoting the car as the only means of transportation.
- A typical Cypriot family has at least three cars.
- We grew up with the habit of using a car even for the shortest distances.
- Traffic congestion: a common everyday phenomenon.



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- The European cities face many problems arising from the urban environment such as environmental pollution and road deaths.
- The European Union, in order to tackle this situation, has adopted the Action Plan on Urban Mobility, which proposes measures to encourage and help local, regional and national authorities in achieving their goals for sustainable urban mobility.



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Local Authorities are trying to contribute in Sustainable Mobility, Urban Transport and Tourism

- 1) by promoting the use of the bicycle
- 2) by emphasizing the benefits of using the public transportations
- 3) by contributing to the construction of sidewalks



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