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European Mobility Week

Greens present strategy on changing how we get around

On the eve of European mobility week, the Greens will present a new strategy paper on 'soft mobility', outlining a vision for a comprehensive and sustainable transport policy - changing how we get around - at a press conference on Friday, 15 September. The Greens are organising a number of actions during European mobility week to raise awareness about 'soft mobility' and these will also be presented.

When: Friday, 15 September 2006 at 10.30 a.m.
Where: Briefing Room, PHS 0A50 Press Centre, European Parliament, Brussels
Speakers: Michael Cramer MEP (Germany), **Eva Lichtenberger MEP** (Austria)

Key demands of the Greens include the rapid introduction of a kerosene tax and an emissions trading scheme for airlines, as well as a sustainable concept for 'urban mobility', encouraging people to walk, bike, take public transport and/or participate in car-sharing and carpooling initiatives. This will have clear knock-on benefits for the quality of life in cities.

Green MEPs and staff members will be joined by Belgian cycling legend **Eddy Merckx** as they cycle to Strasbourg for the for the next session of the European Parliament, setting off on European car-free day, Friday, 22 September at noon. The details of this action will also be presented at the press conference.

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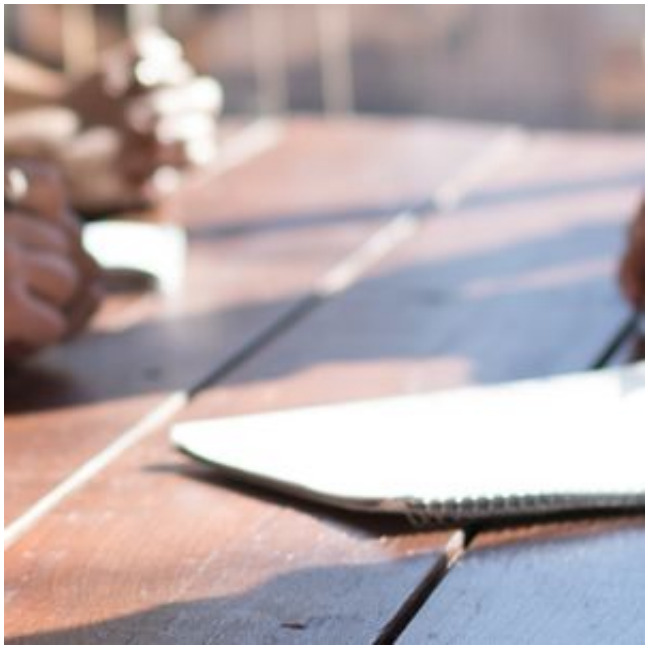
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