



Transport is **essential for jobs, education, health, and inclusion.** Tackling transport poverty supports climate goals, social fairness, and regional equity.

# What is Transport Poverty?

Difficulty or inability to **afford or access** the transport needed to reach essential services like work, education, and healthcare.

Who is affected?

Rural, peri-urban & remote communities Older people and persons with disabilities People without private vehicles Low-income households Young people

## **Key Dimensions**



**Affordability** Can people pay for transport?



Availability
Is transport physically present? Can it r

Accessibility Can it reach key destinations?



Adequacy Is it safe, reliable, inclusive?

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In 12 Member States, **30%+ of low-income families** with children cannot afford a car



People in **peri-urban areas** often face the **highest transport costs** 



The Social Climate Fund will mobilise **€86.7 billion** to support vulnerable groups

### **EU response**

Social Climate Fund to support access to clean, affordable transport

- Commission recommends Member States to:
  - Integrate transport poverty into existing strategies
  - Cooperate with and empower regional and local actors
  - Target support to vulnerable groups

# Key actions for governments

Plan strategically – integrate transport equity into national planning

Invest sustainably – improve public transport, cycling, shared electric mobility

**Ensure fairness –** focus on vulnerable groups

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