

Transport Code

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Background

Digitalisation of transport systems and services is taking place around the world. Digital information, communications and automation will be essential in all transport.

In line with the Programme of the Finnish Government, the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the transport authorities will take all opportunities offered by digitalisation to develop the existing and new mobility services. In order to make this possible, transport market regulations must be renewed.

Objectives

Transport market regulations will be brought together under one act, the Transport Code. The aim of the project is to make room for new business models and to better meet the needs of users. Further aims are to review the transport system as a whole, make market access easier and promote the interoperability of the different parts of the transport system.

The Transport Code will promote the introduction of new technologies, digitalisation and innovative business concepts. Open data and the better use of data resources will help generate new business ideas. The project also aims to lighten regulation.

Implementation

The preparations for the Transport Code are transparent and are being carried out in close interaction with stakeholders. For example, there will be consultations under different themes with the public and with stakeholders such as transport associations, companies and communities, service



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user representatives and authorities. A monitoring group has been appointed to support the preparations for the Transport Code.

Stage I: Improving the service markets

Emphasis on road transport. The provisions of the Public Transport Act, Taxi Transport Act and the Act on Transport of Goods on the Road will be harmonised. The market will be opened and market access facilitated. Legislation restricting competition will be removed and lighter public guidance introduced. Combining passenger and freight transport will be made possible.

Draft government proposal for consultation in April 2016, government proposal to Parliament in September 2016, entry into force on 1 July 2018

Stage II: Regulation on driver training, professional qualifications and transport registers will be renewed

New teaching techniques will be allowed and possibilities for moving from training requirements to knowledge requirements are being looked into. National provisions adding to European Union requirements on demonstrating professional competence will be critically reviewed. Provisions on transport registers will be combined and renewed.

Draft government proposal for consultation in June 2017, government proposal to Parliament in December 2017

Stage III: Remaining provisions

Provisions that have not been covered in earlier stages. It will be ensured that objectives with regard to the transport system and digital services are comprehensively covered in the Transport Code.

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