

Transport

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EU Taxonomy Definition

The transport sector under the EU Taxonomy covers activities that enable zero and low-emission mobility, including passenger and freight transport by road, rail, water, and air. Eligible activities include manufacturing of zero-emission vehicles, infrastructure for personal mobility (cycling, walking), rail infrastructure construction and operation, urban and interurban public transport, and retrofitting of existing fleets. The 2026 revision introduces stricter tailpipe emission thresholds for vehicles and expands inland waterway transport criteria.

Technical Screening Criteria Summary

Light-duty vehicles must have zero direct (tailpipe) CO₂ emissions. Heavy-duty vehicles must meet specific CO₂ per tonne-kilometre thresholds that tighten progressively. Rail transport is eligible where it operates on electrified track or uses zero-emission rolling stock. Maritime and inland waterway vessels must demonstrate at least 50% GHG reduction versus reference vessels, with the 2026 revision pushing toward zero-emission vessel categories. Public transport infrastructure (metro, tram, BRT) is eligible by default where it displaces private vehicle travel. Cycling infrastructure qualifies without additional emission criteria.

Do No Significant Harm (DNSH)

Transport activities must address adaptation (infrastructure climate-proofing), water (runoff management for road infrastructure), circular economy (end-of-life vehicle recycling targets, battery recovery), pollution (noise, particulate, and NOx limits for vehicles and infrastructure), and biodiversity (habitat fragmentation avoidance for new transport corridors, wildlife crossing requirements).

LATAM Relevance

Urban transport transformation in Bogotá, Medellín, Mexico City, and Santiago frequently draws on European financing structured around EU Taxonomy principles. Electric bus fleet procurement across LATAM has been partly catalyzed by EU green bond frameworks. The growing BRT and metro networks in Colombian and Brazilian cities create natural alignment pathways with EU transport taxonomy criteria.

Colombia Green Finance Taxonomy Alignment

The TVC covers sustainable transport including electric mobility, mass transit, and non-motorized infrastructure. Alignment is strong for electric vehicles and public transport. The TVC lacks the EU's granular CO2/tkm thresholds for freight and does not yet address maritime or aviation decarbonization pathways, creating a partial gap for these sub-sectors.

Cleantech Taxonomy Crosswalk

Maps to Cleantech Taxonomy sector TR (Transport) — nodes TR-ROA (road), TR-RAI (rail), TR-MAR (maritime), TR-URB (urban mobility). Cross-references with BU (Buildings) for transport-oriented development and ES (Energy) for EV charging infrastructure.

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