

Ladies and Gentlemen politicians,

Life and health are the most valuable things we have. This is why we are directly interested in the way you protect and respect our rights and the rights of those we care about.

In Bucharest, according to the studies, the life expectancy of the inhabitants has decreased by 2 years due to pollution. This affects both children and senior citizens, drivers and cyclists, affiliated politicians or the independent ones, doctors and patients, women and men, the rich and the poor.

The Constitution guarantees the right to a healthy environment to the citizens. And still, the car traffic, the main pollution source from the city is encouraged with an alarming indifference, whilst the alternatives for the inhabitants are being refused.

Due to lack of parkings, the sidewalks, the streets, the pedestrian crossings and the RATB (bus/tram) stops are occupied by cars. The bike lanes have been non-functional since their execution and nevertheless there have been public servants who accepted to put a whole into the city's budget through the payment of unexecuted or illegally executed works.

On the other side, the public transport means often get stuck in traffic due to lack of dedicated lanes.

According to the declarations and to the promoted policies, the only politicians worried by this situation are the European Commission representatives which consider unacceptable the high level of deaths and injuries provoked by traffic, registered at European level. In this respect, the Commission has communicated the political orientations for traffic safety, accompanied by the traffic safety program 2011-2020. On the basis of this document, in Romania it was elaborated the National Strategy for Traffic Safety 2011-2020.

The Strategy is a document of coherent and unitary policies related to the safety in the traffic. It is a commitment to the European Commission and to the citizens of the country that, through the applied measures, the number of traffic victims is to be decreased by 50%. The encouragement of walking , the stimulation of using the bicycle as a means of transportation through offering optimal safety and comfort conditions (through developing functional bike lanes), finalizing the orbital motorway, sustainable development of urban and peri-urban transportation within and around the Capital are just some of the actions the Bucharest City Hall has committed to and which can lead to diminishing the pollution and lowering the number of victims provoked by traffic.

In these conditions it is inexplicable why the culprits public servants, guilty for the illegal reception and full payment of over 100 km of bike lanes are still in office, and the procedures for the recovery of the loss have not yet started. Just as amazing is the decision of the Bucharest City General Council which, through its vote, has approved the building of an express road inside the city although it gravely violates the principles of the National Strategy for Traffic Safety 2011 - 2020.

Facing these major discrepancies between the commitment made and the deeds found, we solicit that you adopt and promote the necessary measures that, in the Capital of the country and in the other cities, public policies meant to support the sustainable solutions for transportation are to be adopted and implemented, meaning the public transport and the bicycle transport. We also solicit to ensure a real and efficient consultation of the citizens in your approach.

We ensure you that we will follow with interest the measures you have adopted in your party for solving the presented problems and we are looking forward for you to showing us how you intend to support the application of the principles of the National Strategy for Traffic Safety 2011-2020.