

Press Release

THE EUROPEAN CHAMBER OF CONCESSIONAIRES AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (ECP) HOLDS ITS FIRST BOARD MEETING IN BARCELONA AND WELCOMES THREE NEW FOUNDING MEMBERS

- Interparking, ALSA and Veolia have joined the European Chamber of Concessionaires and Public-Private Partnerships (ECP), expanding its representation in strategic sectors such as urban mobility and car park management, road passenger transport, water, waste and energy management.
- The ECP's Legal Committee has submitted a set of ten proposals to the European Commission to contribute to the review of the European framework for public procurement and concessions.

Barcelona, 10 September 2026 – On 8 September, **Barcelona's** iconic **Palau Macaya** hosted the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the **European Chamber of Concessionaires and Public-Private Partnerships (ECP)**, recently established to represent and promote the concession model and public-private partnerships before the European institutions.

Following its establishment in Brussels on 10 June, the members of the ECP met for the first time to make progress on **setting up the organisation, define its priorities and structure, and establish its roadmap for the coming months**, with the aim of strengthening the representation of the concessions and public-private partnerships (PPPs) sector at European level.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to announce the addition of **three new founding members: Interparking, ALSA and Veolia**, leading companies in their sectors which are joining the ECP and strengthening its representativeness and sectoral diversity in strategic areas linked to the concession model and public-private partnerships, such as **urban mobility and car park management, road passenger transport, and water, waste and energy management**.

With these new additions, the ECP **now counts amongst its founding members leading companies and organisations in their respective sectors**, strengthening its representativeness and its ability to convey to the European institutions a cross-cutting vision of the concession model and public-private partnerships. The Chamber **also maintains contacts with potential new members from other sectors**, with the aim of continuing to progressively expand its sectoral and geographical representation.

A European voice for the concessions sector

In this context, the ECP aims to establish itself as a **leading European voice for the concessions sector and public-private partnerships**, promoting dialogue with the European institutions and contributing to the development of a regulatory framework that is more **efficient, innovative, competitive and sustainable, and capable of fostering long-term investment**.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors takes place at a particularly significant time for the sector, coinciding with **the European Commission's presentation of its proposal to revise the European public procurement framework** – a process that includes the regulation of concessions and which will be decisive for the sector's future in Europe.

Since its establishment, the ECP has already commenced its institutional activities in Brussels. In this context, its president, Christian Masset, met with Bertrand L'Huillier, Head of Cabinet at the European Commission's DG GROW, to present the Chamber, its objectives and the main priorities of the European concessions sector. During this meeting, **the 'Decalogue of Proposals'** drawn up by the ECP's Legal Committee was also presented, with a view to contributing to the review of the European framework for public procurement and concessions.

The document sets out ten proposals aimed at strengthening the strategic role of concessions and public-private partnerships as instruments for mobilising private investment in support of European policies, reducing regulatory fragmentation and moving towards a specific European framework for concessions that provides greater legal certainty, flexibility and adaptability to the nature and long-term horizon of these contracts.

The holding of this first Board of Directors' meeting thus marks the start **of a new phase of growth and institutional activity for the ECP**, aimed at broadening its representativeness, consolidating dialogue with the institutions of the European Union and actively contributing to the debate on the future of the concession model and public-private partnerships in Europe.