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#SayNoTo26HDays

26-hour days
for bus and coach

LESS SAFETY LESS DRIVERS

The EU Commission, the EU Parliament, and the Member States are about to agree on longer days of work and shorter breaks for bus and coach drivers.

Under the current rules, coach tour drivers can be forced to drive 12 consecutive days without any day off, and in practice, a coach driver only sleeps 5 to 6 hours per night. **And here's why:**

DRIVER'S DIARY



20:00 drop off group at Paris hotel, unloading luggage
20:30 driving to city outskirts to find a parking space
21:30 found parking space
22:30 cleaned the coach; going back to the hotel now
23:30 got my room at the hotel



00:00 falling asleep
06:30 wake-up call
06:30 breakfast at the hotel
07:00 leaving now to get the coach
08:00 in the coach ready to get back to the hotel collect my group for the day-trip
09:00 arrived at the hotel
09:30 group in, I can now start my day of driving

LONGER DAYS OF WORK AND SHORTER BREAKS FOR BUS AND COACH DRIVERS WILL

01 PUT DRIVER AND ROAD SAFETY AT STAKE

Bus and coach drivers drive 70-plus passengers on a daily basis. They drive kids to sky-holiday destinations, do day trips for the elderly, and drive us all on city tours.

02 EXACERBATE DRIVER FATIGUE

An ETF 2021 study reveals that

66% of bus and coach drivers said they had to drive while fatigued on a regular basis

772 drivers said they nearly crashed and caused a major road accident due to driver fatigue

1/4 of coach drivers reported falling asleep at the wheel while driving

57% of bus and coach drivers reported wanting to pull over and take a break when feeling tired but being unable to...

03 DEEPEN DRIVER SHORTAGES ACROSS EUROPE

The sector is currently 100,000 drivers short. Only 6% of them are young people and only 16% are women . Many more are ready to leave if rules change, according to an ETF survey ran in March 2023 .

ETF says **NO**
to further
flexibilisation
of rules for bus
and coach drivers!

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