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The Future of European Long Distance Transport

STOA project: Backcasting, Targets, Baseline, Images for 2047

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STOA project description:

- For: STOA – The **European Parliament's** panel on Science and Technology Options Assessment
- By: European Technology Assessment Group ETAG (DBT + ITAS)
- With: a Scenario Working Group:
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Purpose of the project

- To contribute to policy clarification and improved governance by working out **scenarios for 2047** for a sustainable, efficient and less oil dependent European transportation along with related policy options.



Why is a long time perspective?

- **Substantial inertia** in transport infrastructure, etc; (aircraft fleet renewal **exceeds 45 years!**)
- **Present decisions** will have a substantial impact still in 2050

Why long distance?

- **Growing EU** with new Member States emphasize importance of long-distance
- Significant **increase** in Long Distance segment
- Significant **potentials** to shift/improve



Long Distance Transport - Delimitation

Long distance transport: Transport exceeding 150 km

Compared with all EU 27 Transport:

- 15% of passenger car and passenger rail
- 80% of truck transport
- Intra EU + 50% of cross EU-border air travel
- 100% of "inland" navigation and freight rail
- Excluding: Air freight
- Excluding: Intercontinental sea freight is not included.
- Excluding Non-CO2 emissions from aviation (H2O and NOx) due to uncertainty (probably substantial!)



Targets from Workshop in EU-Parl.

- Oil consumption reduced by 80% between 2005 and 2047
- CO2-emissions reduced by 60% between 2005 and 2047
- High level of accessibility; offering an efficient, effective transportation system at affordable prices



Approach: Backcasting-type

Suitable when:

- Solutions to **major societal problems** (e.g. Climate change) are searched for
- *and more than marginal* changes to trends might be needed

Aim:

- Illustrate **magnitude of changes** necessary to reach targets, e.g. which transport volumes, modal shares etc are consistent with targets.
- Provide **support for present strategic decisions** concerning long-lived structures, e.g. transport infrastructure, fuel chains,

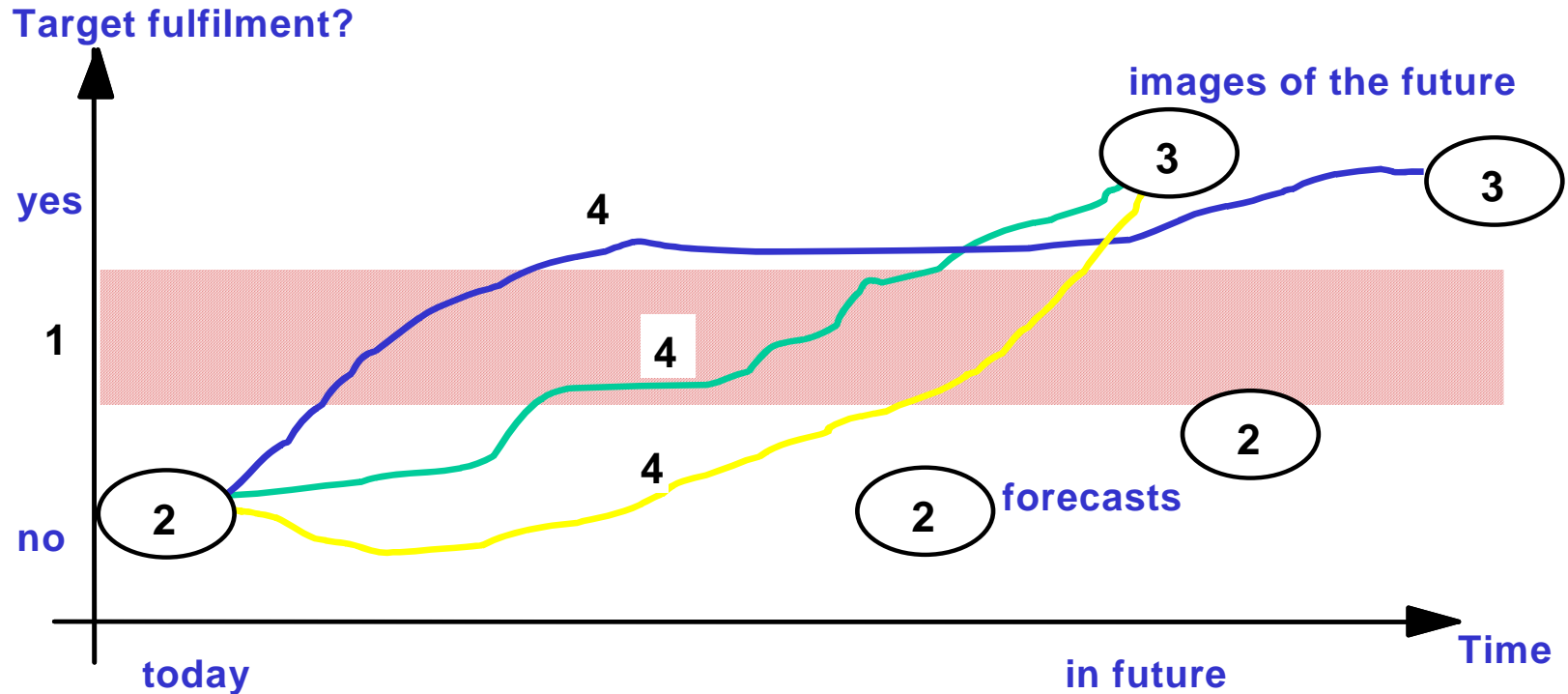


Application in the STOA project:

- Combination of **quantitative** assessment and **qualitative** dialogue
- **Internal** and **external** expert workshops
- Not 'complete' backcasting methodology



Backcasting – Main steps



1. Definition of target

3. Outlining images of the future

2. Trend analysis
(baseline/forecasts)

4. Analysis of paths to images of
the future including policy measures



'Baseline' assumptions

Data source to 2030: **DG-TREN "European Energy and Transport – Trends to 2030, Upd. 2005" (PRIMES)**

- + Annual transport volume increase between 2030 and 2047 is assumed equal that between 2020 and 2030
- DG-TREN Forecast assumes some decoupling of transport growth from economic growth ('White Paper') .
- Moderate specific energy efficiency improvement (e.g. 40% for air, 15% for trucks, 30% for cars)
- 10 % share for biofuels in 2047

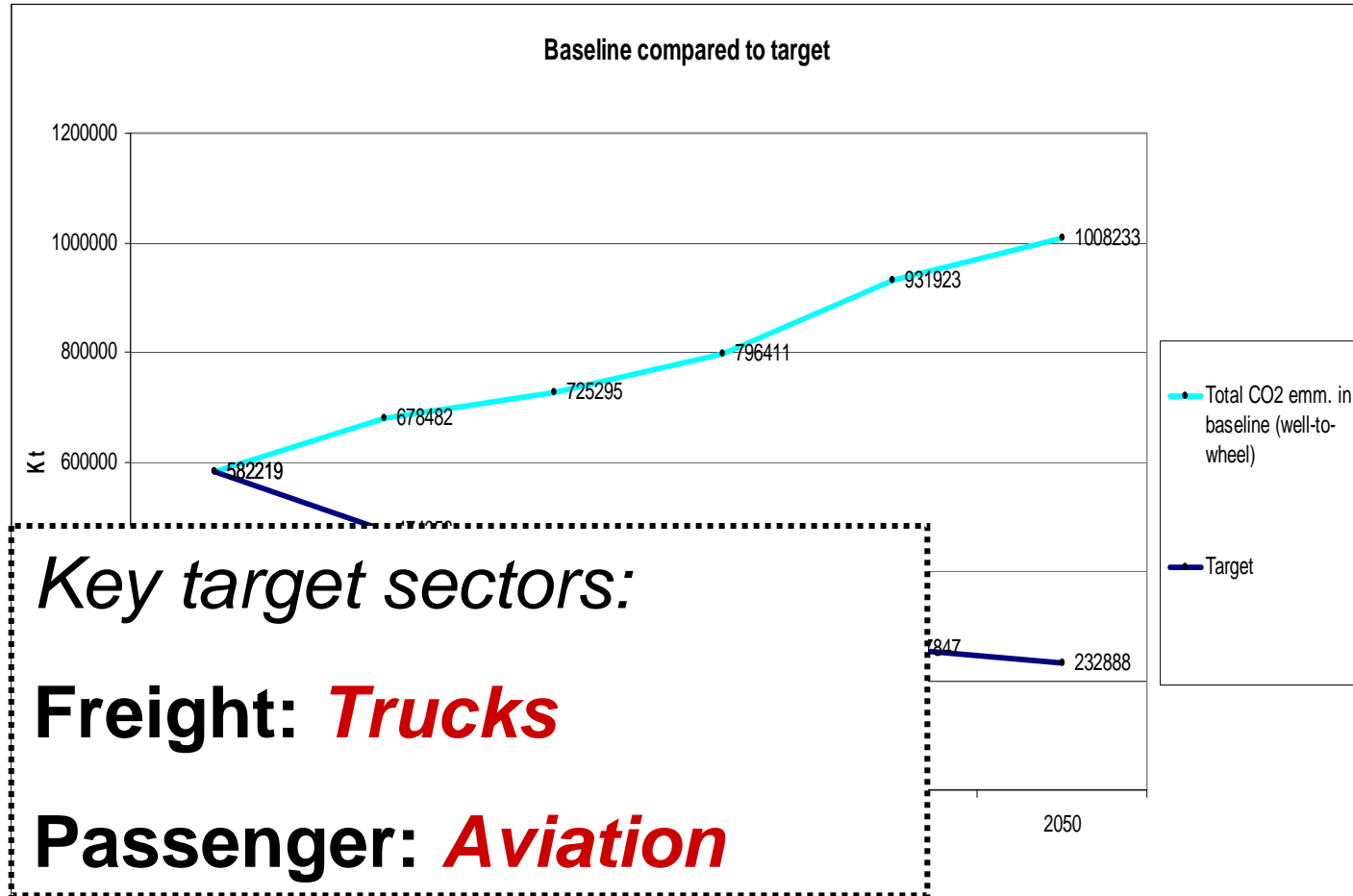


Some data, delimitation issues 2005

- **Trucks:** Difficult to get separate reliable data on long distance trucks
- **Aviation:** If other GHG than CO₂ had been included, climate impact might almost be twice as high (high uncertainty).
- **Intercontinental sea transport:** Little data available but emissions seem to be substantial and rapidly increasing.



The gap to bridge -> 2047





How much effort to bridge the gap?

- Change of transport demand alone
- Change of Modal Split alone
- Change of technology alone



Example: Modal split alone

MODAL SPLIT	Transport volume & carbon intensity as in baseline
<p>Change in modal split needed to reach target (+/- 1%)</p> <p>(change needed in relation to the baseline in 2050)</p>	<p>75% reduction of private cars and motorcycles (= - 908 Gpm)</p> <p>96% reduction of intra EU aviation (= - 1113 Gpm)</p> <p>1850% increase in passenger rail (= + 1654 Gpm)</p> <p>600% increase in passenger inland navigation (= + 357 Gpm)</p> <p>97% decrease in trucks (= - 2972 Gtkm))</p> <p>96% decrease in freight inland navigation (= - 395 Gtkm)</p> <p>660% increase in freight rail (= 3356 Gtkm)</p>



Three Images for 2047

Image I: Strong and rich High-Tech Europe

Image II: Slow and reflexive lifestyles

Image III (contrast image): Economic pressure and expensive energy



Policies considered (examples)

	Freight (trucks)	Passenger (aviation)
Pricing	Carbon based taxation Cap and trade	Carbon based taxation Cap and trade Individual carbon allowances
Technology	Emissions standards Hybrid technologies and alt fuels Load matching, speed control, routing	Emissions standards Alternative fuels
Land use	Efficient warehouse location Local production and sourcing	Airport investment policy Intermodality – rail air integration



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2047	Image I Strong and rich High-Tech Europe	Image II Slow and reflexive lifestyles	Image III economic pressure + very expensive energy
Governance	EU is cohesive and has a leading role in the world; efficient EU-regulations to combat climate change	Strong UN has established successful climate instruments;	Weak EU, weak UN, few international co-operation; poor regulations to combat climate change; strong local identity
Economy/GDP-growth	Roughly 2,4%	Roughly 1,7%	Roughly 0,7%
Lifestyles	Consumption oriented, fast; cheap mass products are popular; also luxury products; Status symbols are important	Focus on health and quality of life; high quality regional products are popular; dematerialisation	Consumption oriented, fast
Means for accessibility	Air & High speed rail	Virtual mobility, comfortable rail; slow air	Air & virtual mobility
R&D	Intensive research activities; EU as global high-tech centre;	Strong global research community with very active UN-institutions	Technical progress triggered by competition between nations; poor international research networks
Energy	CO2-lean energy technologies highly advanced; some surprising breakthroughs (battery tech; supergrid; CCS)	Relatively low energy demand; CCS	Energy as a geopolitical instrument; efficiency is high because of high energy prices



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2047	Image I: Strong and rich High-Tech Europe	Image II: Slow and reflexive lifestyles	Image III: economic pressure + very expensive energy
Main LDT fuels	Electricity, hydrogen, biofuels, CNG, diesel, kerosene	Electricity, biofuels, CNG, diesel, kerosene	Biofuels, CNG, diesel, kerosene
Transport Infrastructure	High quality, intelligent, completely harmonised in EU	Advanced	No harmonised development of infrastructure in EU
Telematics	Widespread	Widespread	Moderate
Transport volume 2047 compared to baseline	- 30%	-45%	-60%
Biofuels share 2047	30%	25%	15%
Increase in passenger rail	190%	75%	0
Increase in freight rail	70%	100%	0
Improvement in carbon intensity for aviation	64%	58%	58%
Improvement for carbon intensity for trucking	57%	44%	40%



Some inputs to the discussions...

- Freight: Trucking; Passenger: aviation
- Growth rates of car, air and truck transport need to be reduced to reach targets - still an increase compared to 2005 is possible.
- Improved vehicle technology is important but is not sufficient to reach the targets
- Infrastructure investments could need to be stronger focused at rail and ICT (including virtual mobility); Organisational integration of European railways is a key-issue.
- Different research paths must be promoted -impossible to predict which technologies will emerge as the front-runners.



Thank you!

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EXTRA SLIDES



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Image I Change in total transport activity, %, compared to the baseline	2050: compared to baseline
Passenger transport total (LDT) as compared to baseline	-30%
Freight transport total (LDT) as compared to baseline	-30%
Image I Change in transportation activity in each mode, related to the global 20% volume reduction compared to the baseline	
Total passenger transport	0%
Private cars and motorcycles	-5%
Rail	190%
Aviation intra EU	-10%
Inland navigation	0%
Total freight transport	0%
Trucks	-15%
Rail	70%
Inland navigation	25%



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Image I - modal share %	2005	Baseline 2050	Image I 2050
Passenger transport total Gpm	100%	100%	100%
Private cars and motorcycles	60%	48%	46%
Rail	6%	4%	10%
Aviation intra EU	32%	46%	42%
Inland navigation	3%	2%	2%
Freight transport total (Gtkm)	100%	100	100%
Trucks	66%	72%	65%
Rail	20%	16%	22%
Inland navigation	14%	12%	13%



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Image I Improvement of well-to-wheel carbon intensity in addition to baseline			
Mode	2050 in addition to baseline	Baseline improvement of carbon intensity 2050 over 2005	Total improvement of carbon intensity 2050 over 2005
Passenger transport	60%	31.7%	72.7%
Private cars and motorcycles	55%	53.4%	79.0%
Rail	40%	40.4%	64.3%
Total aviation	40%	4.8%	42.9%
Inland navigation			
Freight transport	50%	14.5%	57.2%
Trucks	50%	50.8%	75.4%
Rail	30%	61.4%	73.0%
Inland navigation			
Assumptions for biofuels	2050		
Biofuel share, %	30%		
Biofuel, tons CO2 per TJ fuel - well-to-wheel	0		



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Image II Change in total transport activity, %, compared to baseline	2050: compared to baseline
Passenger transport total (LDT) as compared to baseline	-45%
Freight transport total (LDT) as compared to baseline	-45%
Image II Change in transportation activity in each mode, related to the global 35% volume reduction compared to baseline	
Total passenger transport	0%
Private cars and motorcycles	5%
Rail	75%
Aviation intra EU	-12%
Inland navigation	0%
Total freight transport	0%
Trucks	-20%
Rail	100%
Inland navigation	30%



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Image II - Modal share %	2005	Baseline 2050	Image II 2050
Passenger transport total Gpm	100%	100%	100%
Private cars and motorcycles	60%	48%	51%
Rail	6%	4%	6%
Aviation intra EU	32%	46%	41%
Inland navigation	3%	2%	2%
Freight transport total (Gtkm)	100%	100	100%
Trucks	66%	72%	61%
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Trucks	35%	50.8%	68.0%
Rail	40%	61.4%	76.8%
Inland navigation			
Assumptions for biofuels	2050		
Biofuel share, %	25%		
Biofuel, tons CO2 per TJ fuel - well-to-wheel	2		



<p>TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT: VOLUME</p>	<p>Carbon intensity & modal shares as in baseline</p>
<p>Change in transport volume needed to reach target</p> <p>(change needed according to 2050 baseline with the resulting changes compared to 2005 level in parenthesis)</p>	<p>77 % reduction of overall passenger transport for 2050 (51 % reduction compared to 2005 level)</p> <p>78 % reduction of overall freight transport for 2050 (57 % reduction compared to 2005 level)</p>



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TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS	Transport volume & modal shares as in baseline
Change in specific carbon intensity needed to reach target (+/- 1%) (Total improvement of carbon intensity compared to 2005)	74.1% in private cars and motorcycles 79.0% in passenger rail 72.0% in intra EU passenger aviation 57.1% in inland passenger navigation 76.1% in trucks 77.9% in freight rail 82.6% in inland freight navigation 40.0% share of biofuels 0.5 TJ fossil primary energy per TJ fuel (well-to-wheel) ^[1] 20 tons CO ₂ per TJ fuel ^[2]

^[1] Indicates the use of fossil energy (well-to-wheel) for production, distribution etc. of biofuels viewed as TJ energy input pr. TJ fuel output.

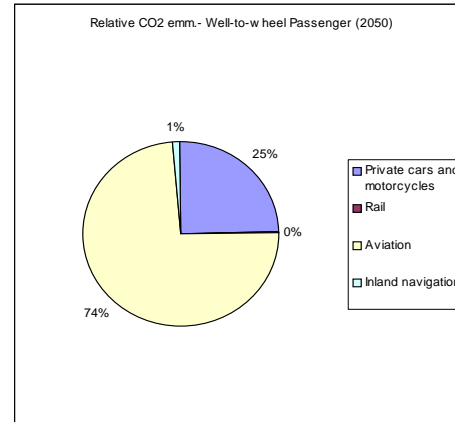
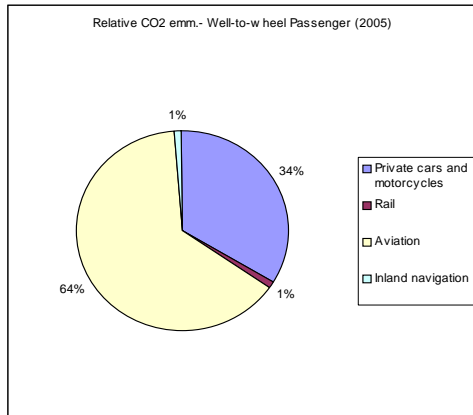
^[2] Indicates the corresponding CO₂ emissions viewed as tons CO₂ pr. TJ biofuel output.



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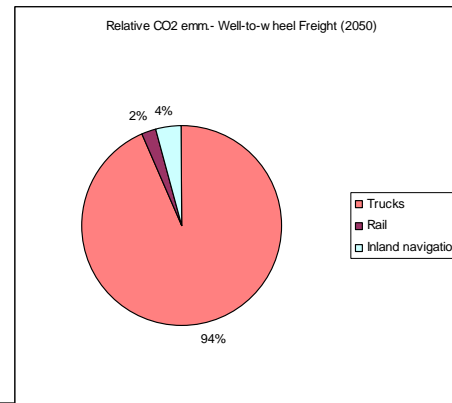
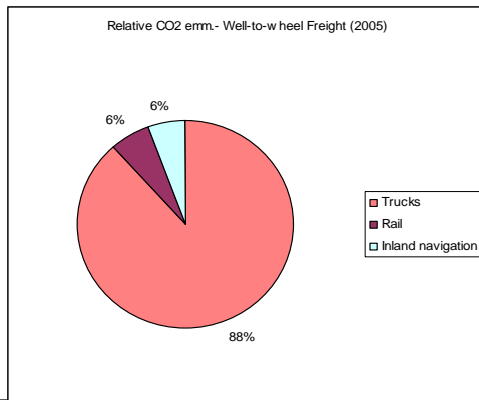
Aviation share of CO2



2005

2050

Trucking share of CO₂





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Trucks	Travel volumes	Model shares	Capacity use	Oil consumption	Energy efficiency pr km	CO2 efficiency pr energy unit	Accessibility
Carbon based taxation	++(+)		++		++	++	
Cab & Trade	++		++		+	+	
Emission standards					+	+	-
ITS Speed control Route guidance	+		+		+	+	+
Efficient Warehouse Distribution	+				(+)	(+)	+
Load matching	+		+(+)		+	+	(+)
Alt fuel promotion + Fuel Cells							
Road Trains			(+)		(+)	(+)	(+)
Hybrid	0				+	+	
Dedicated Freight Rail European Techn			+		+	+	+

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