

ASsessing the Social and economic Impacts of past and future Sustainable Transport policy in Europe

Social and economic impacts of sustainable transport policy,

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Project overview

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Agenda

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ASSIST objectives

- Providing advice to policy-makers on potential social and economic impacts of sustainable transport policy.
- Need to fit into the strategic policy framework established by the EU.
- Two means to deliver policy advice:
 - **Handbook** of social and economic impacts of sustainable transport policy (fact sheets on transport policy measures).
 - ASTRA-EC integrated assessment **model** (Vensim System Dynamics software).

ASSIST main activities

- **Desk research** on social and economic impacts of transport policy:
 - Policy studies and grey literature
 - Scientific literature

=> Fact Sheets for Transport Policy Measures (TPM)
- **Model design and development** of ASTRA-EC model
 - Starting point ASTRA model
 - Streamlining the model
 - Developing user-friendly interface
- **Future challenges** and their policy implications
 - Literature and creative thinking
 - Policy radar

ASSIST framework

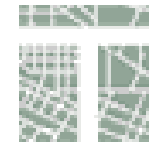
- ASSIST follows broad understanding of Transport Policy Measures (TPM)
- Guidance for impact assessment of social and economic impacts by:
 - EC Impact Assessment Guidelines (SEC(2009)92)
 - 11 guiding economic questions (e.g. competitiveness, cost to SMEs)
 - 11 guiding social questions (e.g. labour markets, inclusion, gender eq.)
 - Guidance for assessing social impacts (EC DG Employment)
- Policy framework, in particular White Paper Impact Assessment
 - 131 measures of White Paper
 - 7 Policy categories (e.g. pricing, taxation, research and innovation, etc.)

=> TPMs in ASSIST

ASSIST administrative set-up



- Funded by EC 7th FP – DG MOVE
- Duration 24 months (start 1.4.2011)
- Six partners from CH, DE, FR, HU, IT, NL
- Coordination by Fraunhofer-ISI
- Website: www.assist-project.eu



ASSIST stakeholder involvement

- **Scientific focus:** workshop on assessing social and economic impacts of sustainable transport policy (Utrecht, 02/2012).
- **Policy and foresight focus:** workshop on impacts of future challenges affecting the impacts of current/future transport policy (Brussels, 05/2012 or 06/2012).
- **User focus:** validation and training course for potential users of ASTRA-EC model at the European Commission.
- **Final Conference:** dissemination of project findings.



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