

ASSIST



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

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ASSIST project objectives and activities

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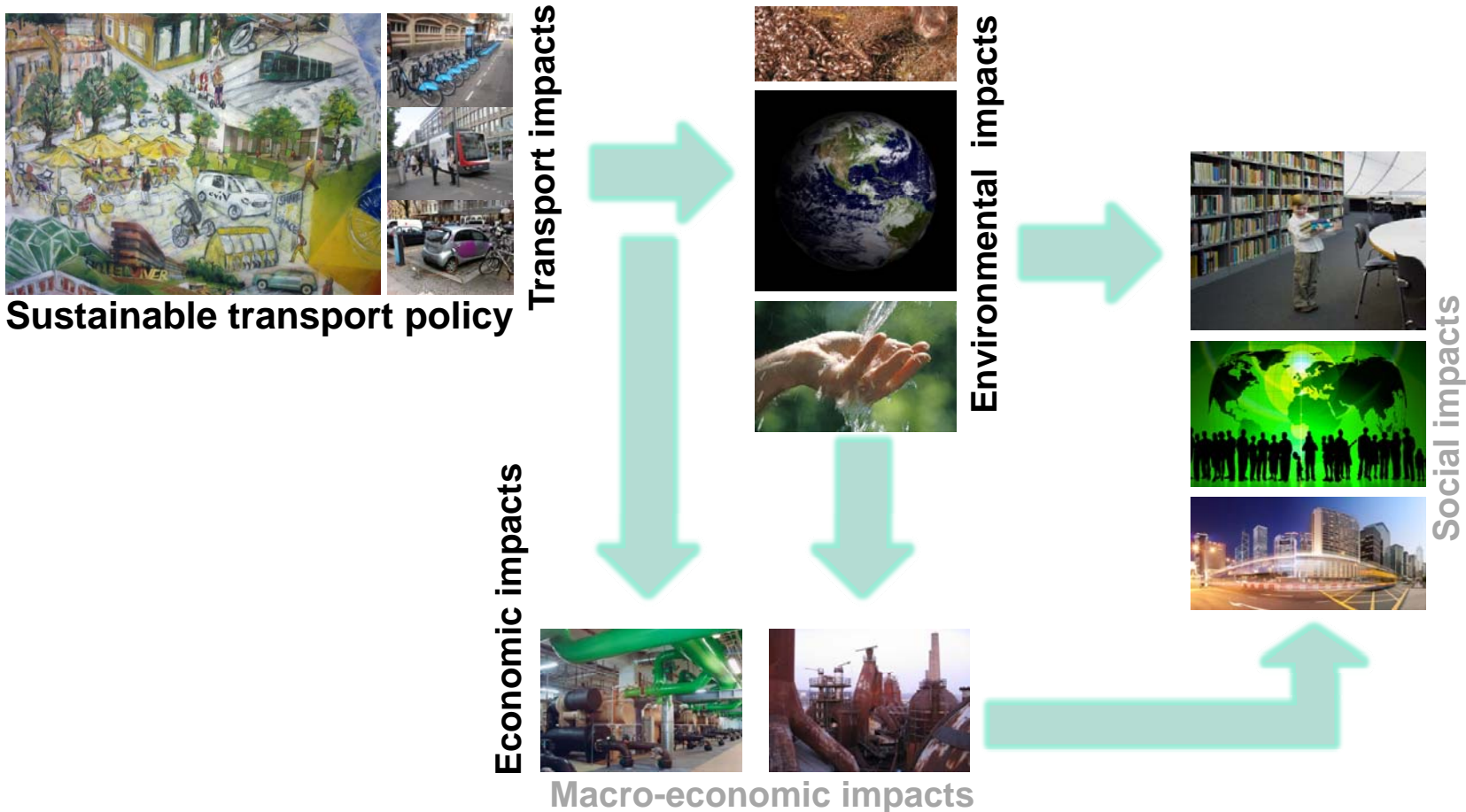


Sustainability in Europe



Assessment of sustainable transport

Development of state-of-the art



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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 tools to deliver policy advice:
 - **Handbook** of social and economic impacts of sustainable transport policy (fact sheets on transport policy measures). Printable and Online!
 - **ASTRA-EC integrated assessment model** integrating transport, economic, environmental and social indicators



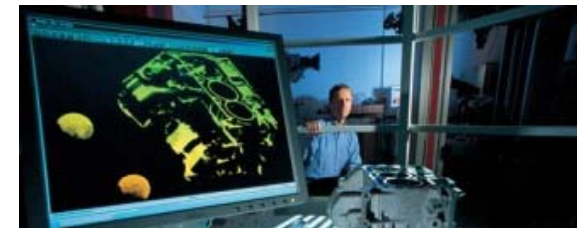
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ASSIST main activities

- **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
 - Model extensions to better cover social impacts
 - Developing user-friendly interface
- **Future challenges** and their policy implications
 - Literature and creative thinking
 - Policy radar



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ASSIST framework

- *“In the current economic context, the report encourages Member States and the European Commission to strengthen their capacity to assess social impacts of major policy and spending decisions.”* (EC EU 2020)
- **Guidance for impact assessment** of social and economic impacts by:
 - EC Impact Assessment Guidelines (SEC(2009)92)
 - 11 guiding economic questions (e.g. competitiveness, SMEs)
 - 11 guiding social questions (e.g. labour markets, inclusion)
 - Guidance for assessing social impacts (EC DG Employment)
 - EC Operational guidance for assessing impacts on sectoral competitiveness (SEC(2012)91)
- **Policy framework**, in particular White Paper Impact Assessment
 - 131 transport related measures of White Paper
 - 7 Policy categories (e.g. pricing, taxation, research and innovation, etc)



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ASSIST administrative set-up



- Funded by EC 7th FP – DG MOVE
- Duration 32 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, 06/2012).
- **User focus:** validation and training course for potential users of ASTRA-EC model at the European Commission (09/2013)
- **Final Conference:** dissemination and discussion of project findings (09/2013)

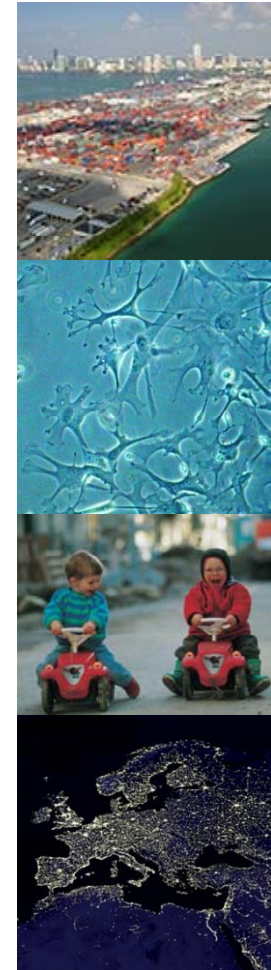


Key findings

- Social impacts of Transport White Paper policies basically positive
- Local social impacts can differ, but not covered
- Future challenges will affect impacts of transport policies
- ASTRA-EC supports to consider future challenges and measuring policy impacts, strength on economic impacts, limited for social impacts
- Quantification of impacts improved – further research to fill gaps

How we arrived at the key findings

- Introduction and overview (this presentation)
- Key note on social impact assessment
- Social and economic impacts of TPMs
- Impact of future challenges on TPMs
- Online Handbook (access to results)
- ASTRA-EC model
- Panel discussion



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Thank you very much for your attention!



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