







Towards a safer, more efficient and sustainable commuting

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① The current state of affairs in the EU

- Mobility increasingly demands more time, energy and economic resources
- Transport (freight and passengers) is mostly based on road transport



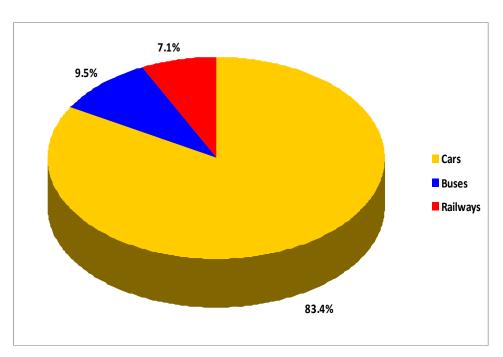


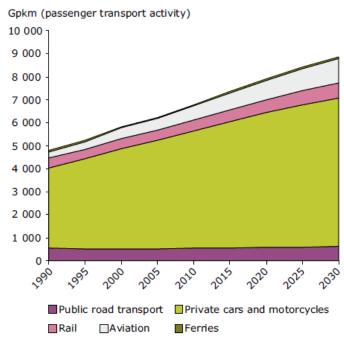
Cars account for most of private transport



Trends and forecasts indicate a sustained growth

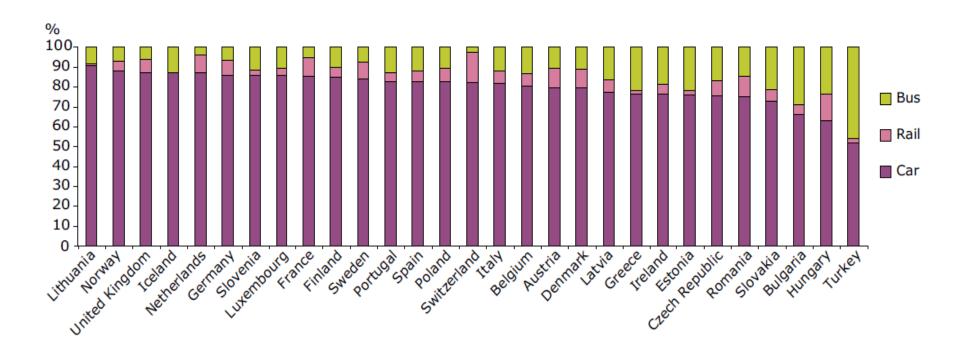
European Environmental Agency - Terms 2009







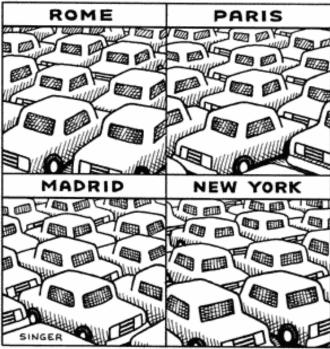
The situation is similar across the EU including Spain.





- 50% of car journeys do not reach 5 km; 30% do not even cover 3 km
- The average number of passengers per car is 1
- Private cars account for 75% of total passenger/km

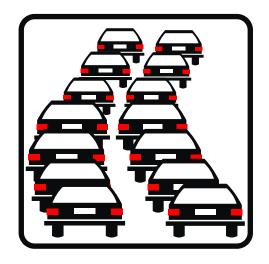






 European commuters spend an average of 39 days per year in home-work journeys

Study by Avaya-Dinamic Markets (2009)



- Cars are still the most used mean of transport for commuters (60%).



② The situation in Spain

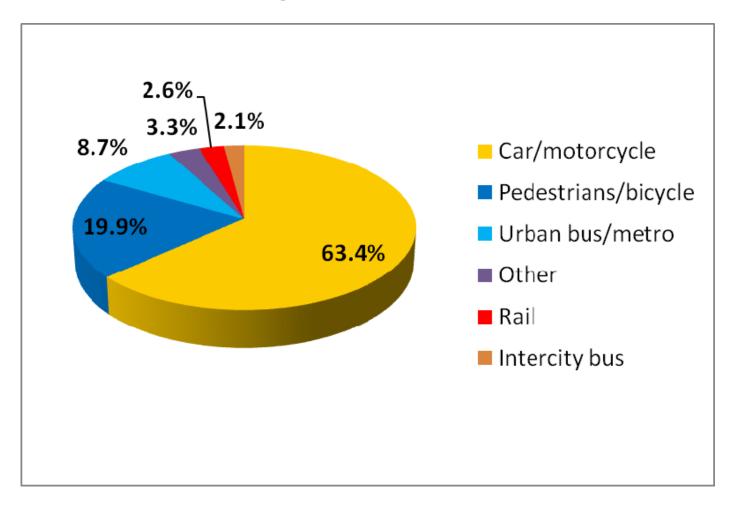
2006: employees made over 62 million journeys on a regular working day (half of the total 123 million journeys)



67% (41 million) accounted for home-work-home journeys which represented 34% of total journeys



Modal split of commuting in Spain



Survey Movilia 2006. Ministry of Industry



③ Costs of unsustainable mobility

SOCIAL

- Accidents
- Labour exclusion



ENVIRONMENTAL

- Air pollution
- Climate change
- Energy inefficiency
- Noise pollution

ECONOMIC

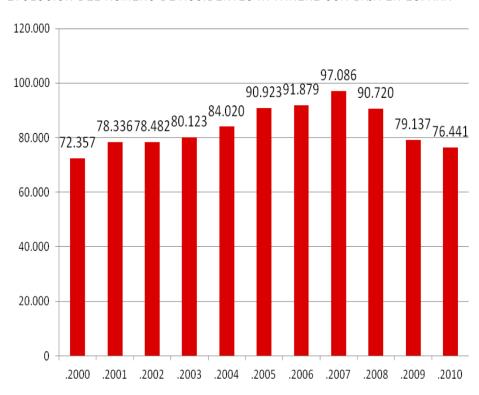
- Individual and collective costs
- Loss of competitiveness





Evolution of commuting accidents with leave in Spain

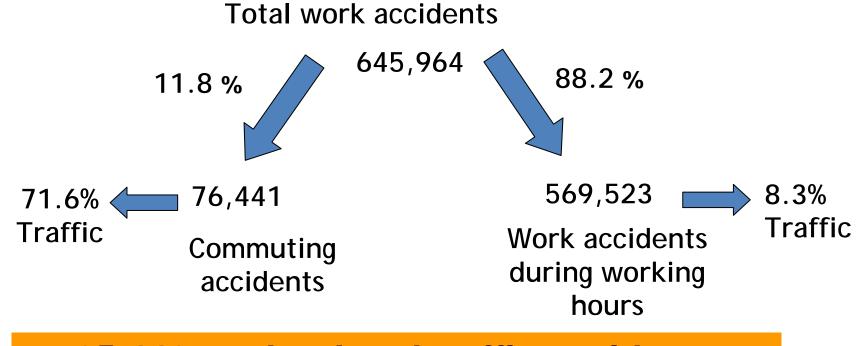
EVOLUCIÓN DEL NÚMERO DE ACCIDENTES IN ITÍNERE CON BAJA EN ESPAÑA







Work-related accidents in 2010



65,446 work-related traffic accidents



Social costs LABOUR EXCLUSION

 The scattering of industrial areas and estates leaves cars as the only alternative for employees to access their workplaces



 Labor exclusion affects especially women, young workers on apprenticeship and non-EU migrant workers



Social costs LABOUR EXCLUSION

Censo de conductores por 1.000 habitantes y por género



Fuente: Dirección General de Tráfico (DGT)

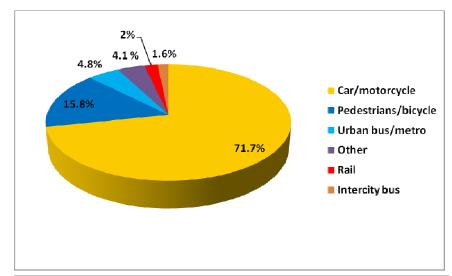
- 60.7% of registered drivers with valid driving license in Spain are men, the remaining 39.3% are women
- Men travel more frequently by car/motorcycle (60%).
- Women rely more on public transport, bicycle or travel on foot (61%)



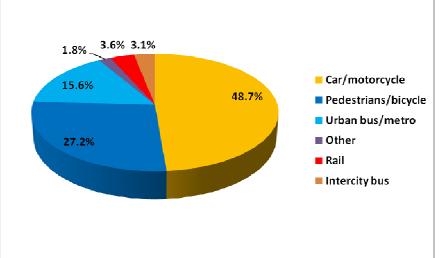
Social costs LABOUR EXCLUSION

Means of transport used by men and women to commute in Spain







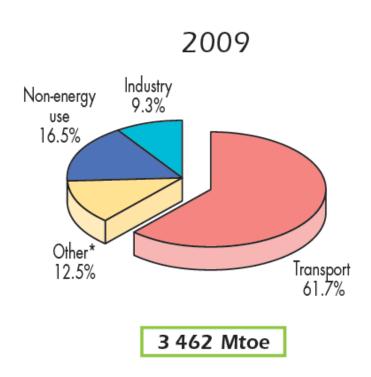




Environmental costs ENERGY INEFFICIENCY

Transport consumes 36% of primary energy in industrialized countries (OECD), and nearly 62% of the world's oil production (45% in 1973)

This sector has a poor energy diversification since oil products satisfy 95% of demands

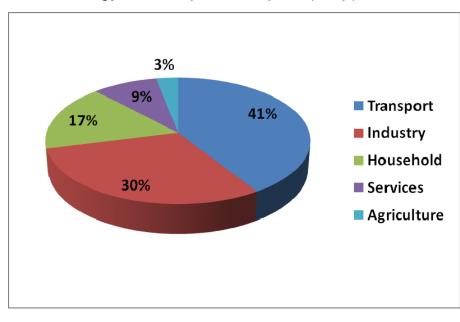


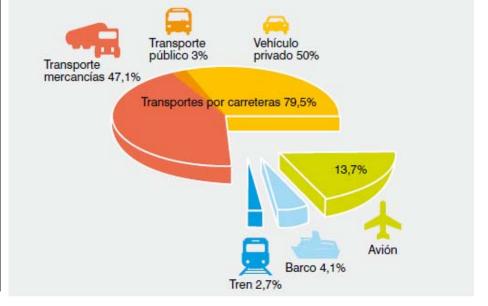
International Energy Agency



Environmental costs ENERGY INEFFICIENCY

Final energy consumption in Spain (Ktep) 2008





IDAE, 2008

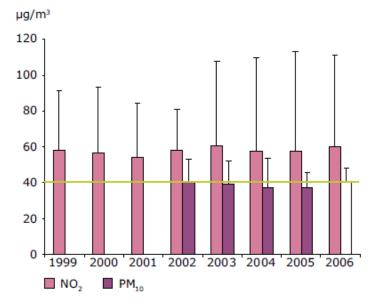
Transport energy consumption in Spain

Greenpeace report 2009



Environmental costs AIR POLLUTION

- Despite the growing number of vehicles, traffic emissions in Europe have reduced as a result of changes in technology and regulation.
- NO_x and PM₁₀ emissions are an exception.



Note: Columns indicate mean values while error bars indicate

maximum values.

Source: European Topic Centre for Air and Climate Change,

2008.



Environmental costs AIR POLLUTION

 According the European Environmental Agency 20 million Europeans suffer daily respiratory disorders



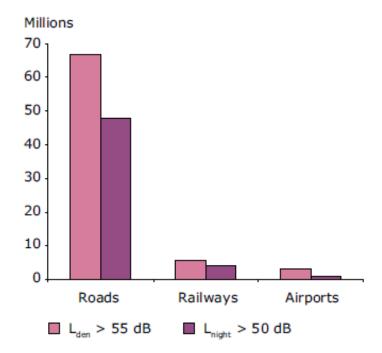
- Pollution is responsible for 370,000 premature deaths every year and over 100,000 cases of severe hospital admissions



Environmental costs NOISE POLLUTION

Persons affected by noise in big cities

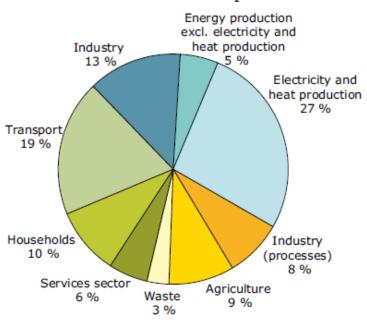
- According to the European Environmental Agency traffic is responsible for 80% of noise in urban areas



Source: The European Topic Centre Land Use and Spatial Information, 2008.



Total emissions = 5 177 Mt CO,-equivalent



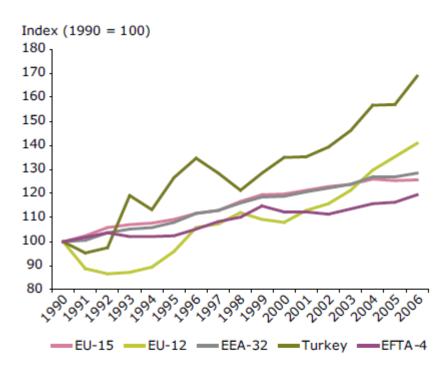
- Urban traffic is responsible for more than 40% of transport CO₂ emissions and 10% of total CO₂ emissions in the EU

EU-27emissions by sector

European Environmental Agencies



Evolution of transport GHG emissions in Europe



Source: European Topic Centre for Air and Climate Change, 2008.



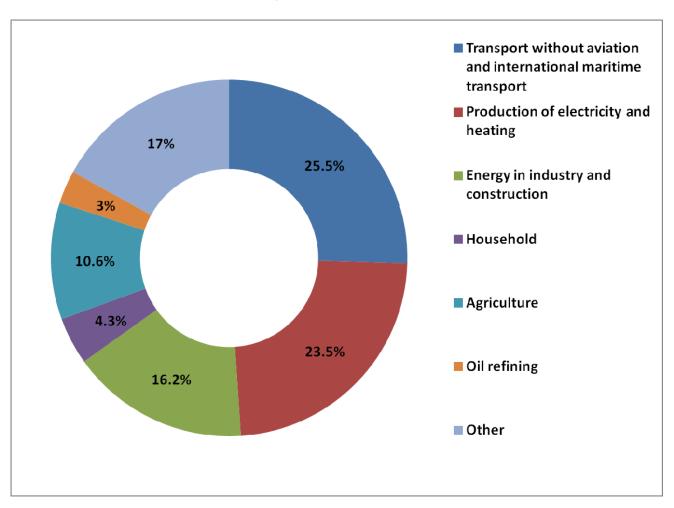
Distribution of transport GHG emissions by modality in EU-27

UE-27	2006 emissions (Mt CO ₂ eq.)	Variation since 1990	% of emissions over total transport
TOTAL Transport (Kyoto)	992	27%	100%
Road	924	29%	93,2%
Inland navigation	24	13%	2.4%
Domestic civil aviation	26	52%	2.6%
Railway	8	-44%	0.8%
Other means of transport	10	-12%	1,0%

European Environmental Agency - 2007 / Graphic: Greenpeace report 2009



GHG emissions by sector in **Spain**





Economic costs COLLECTIVE COSTS

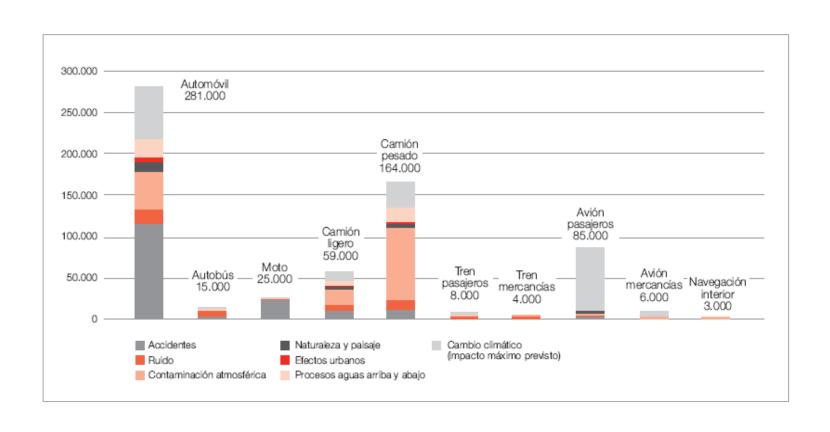
- Study *Infras 2004* (UE-17): externalities exceed €650 billion a year (7.3% of EU GDP)
- Road transport amounts to more than three quarters of total costs







Economic cost COLLECTIVE COSTS





Economic costs LOSS OF COMPETITIVENESS

- The European Commission estimates in more than 1% of EU GDP the value of commuting time
- This loss also implies additional energy consumption and polluting emissions





Economic costs LOSS OF COMPETITIVENESS

- Companies with safer, less expensive and more sustainable mobility policies are relatively more competitive.
- Their productivity increases while accident leaves and associated labor costs drop





④ Reality is not predestination: (re)thinking and taking action

PROPOSALS FOR INTERVENTION

- Diagnosis and planning of mobility
- Equitable management of spaces in public areas
- Promotion of public transport (collective / company transport)
- Support to mobility on foot and cycling
- Management of parking spaces
- Promoting the efficient use of cars
- Incentives for workers



Proposal 1 DIAGNOSIS AND PLANNING

Alternative approaches:

- Sustainable Mobility Plan
- Study on generated mobility prior to implementation





Proposal 1 DIAGNOSIS AND PLANNING

Phases of a Mobility Plan

1.diagnosis of the situation

What is the initial scenario and what are the detected problems?

Gathering of information, identification of problems and understanding the initial situation in order to assess the potential for change and define the necessary approach to achieve the expected goals

2.development of an action plan

What do we want to change and how far do we want to go?

Adopting solutions to achieve a safer, more sustainable mobility for commuters. Identification of players involved in the process, scheduling activities and necessary investments (material and financial)

3. monitoring and assessment of the plan What did we improve?

Definition of social, economic and environmental goals if the plan was implemented, following up the evolution of implemented measures



Proposal 2 DIAGNOSIS AND PLANNING







Samples of mobility plans in centers of economic activity or industrial estates







Samples of Company Mobility Plans



Proposal 2 EQUITABLE SPACE

- Public spaces have obvious physical limitations and they are shared by a complex network of transport systems.
- The application of new concepts of integrated and sustainable planning should contribute to implement systems with a more balanced regulation between pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and private motor vehicles.







Proposal 2 EQUITABLE SPACE

175 cars 2 articulated buses 1 single tram 200 people







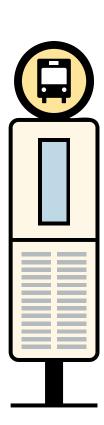




Proposal 3 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Good coordination between the different agents and detailed knowledge of workers' needs may favor...

- the creation of public transport services (collective, company-based and intermodal),
- or the improvement of existing, underused planning and management systems

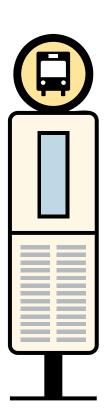




Proposal 3 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

 Collective transport lines can be approved by agreement with neighboring companies, or by arranging specific itineraries in industrial estates

 Mobility desks and mobility managers are responsible for coordinating and supporting such arrangements





Proposal 3 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Some specific proposals:

- Promoting train-bus intermodality
- Placing stops/stations near workplaces
- Improving the conditions of bus stops
- Providing adequate information (schedules and frequency)
- Implementing company transport services once more



Proposal 4 PEDESTRIAN MOBILITY

- Walking (along with cycling) is the most efficient way of covering short-distance journeys (< 2km)
- The average speed of pedestrians is approximately 1m/s (~1km in 15 minutes)





Proposal 4 PEDESTRAIN MOBILITY

Some proposals for action:

- Improving pedestrian crossings as well horizontal and vertical traffic signs
- Improving accessibility from urban centers, railway stations and bus stops
- Enhancing and maintaining the good condition of pedestrian areas. Sidewalks and pedestrian alleyways of industrial areas should not be used as parking spaces



Proposal 4 BICYCLE MOBILITY

- Bicycles are faster means of transport than cars in urban circuits if we take into account door-to-door timing
- Bicycles are adequate for short distances (less than 8km) in which they can easily replace private motor vehicles





Proposal 4 BICYCLE MOBILITY

Bicycles are also a viable alternative for commuters in industrial areas and estates provided that...

 appropriate and safe urban/traffic measures are implemented



- companies provide adequate bicycle parking facilities
- intermodality with collective public transport means is granted



Proposal 5 MANAGEMENT OF PARKING SPACE

- The availability of parking spaces in companies directly affects employees choice to use private vehicles on a regular basis
- In most industrial estates the number of parking places in and outside company premises clearly exceeds the demand





Proposal 5 MANAGEMENT OF PARKING SPACE

Objective: reducing parking spaces and carrying out a better management of available spaces based on the following preference criteria:

- workers with physical disabilities
- workers who usually accompany physically challenged family members
- workers who need motor vehicles for their professional activity
- carpoolers
- workers who have little/no possibility of using alternative means of transport



Carpooling is an option that optimizes the use of private vehicles and reduces their number



The average vehicle occupancy in industrial areas is only 1.2

It takes 84 vehicles to transport 100 employees



Proposal 6 EFFICIENT USE OF VEHICLES

Carsharing is a practice in which a group of users have individual access to a collective fleet of vehicles

- Carsharing promotes the rational use of transport/ vehicles and offers the possibility of using a vehicle only when it is really necessary, without the need to own it
- This system reduces individual and social costs of mobility



Proposal 6 EFFICIENT USE OF VEHICLES

The high costs associated with car ownership become variable costs depending on vehicle use. In any case those variable costs are always more affordable than owning a vehicle.

Being aware of the costs results in a more rational use of vehicles and in widespread use of sustainable transport

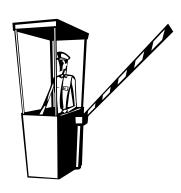
Carsharing is already a common practice in Spain

www.avancar.es



Proposal 7 INCENTIVES FOR WORKERS

In order to change commuters' mobility patterns it often becomes necessary to introduce economic incentives, to promote sustainable means of transport and discourage the use of private motor vehicles



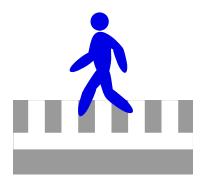
- subsidized transport fares
- financial support to carpoolers



⑤ The role and opportunity for trade unions

Workers are entitled to safe and sustainable commuting

Trade union action is an opportunity to struggle for those rights

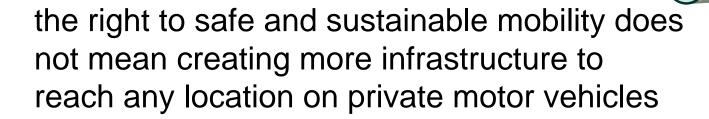




- One of the goals implies is the introduction of accessibility to workplaces into collective bargain strategies, at the same level as other issues related to workers' safety and wellbeing
- However, achievements of collective bargaining are often ineffective due to the huge time, health and financial investment made daily to access workplaces



However,



it means providing workers with safer, more equitable, affordable and healthier means and systems of transport



Communication and regional union actions

















10 propuestas para una movilidad más sostenible y segura



- En las grandes empresas y/o poligonos industriales, crear la figura del gestor de movilidad, constituir consejos de movilidad (integrados por empresas, sindicatos, administraciones y operadores de transporte) y elaborar un plan de movilidad.
- Apostar por el transporte colectivo, con criterios de racionalidad: dimensionando los vehículos para optimizar su uso y la eficiencia; y estableciendo enlaces con las redes de transporte público.
- Garantizar la accesibilidad a los centros de trabajo para los peatones en condiciones de seguridad y sin obstáculos.
- Promover el uso del coche compartido y del coche multiusuario, garantizando su eficacia y reservando zonas de aparcamiento.
- Promover el uso de la bicicleta, garantizando unos itinerarios y un aparcamiento seguro.
- Subvencionar desde las empresas los títulos de transporte de carácter personal y reducir el espacio dedicado a zonas de aparcamiento.
- Incorporar la movilidad in itinere y la accesibilidad al centro de trabajo en la evaluación de riesgos laborales.
- Incluir la auditoria de movilidad en los estudios para obtener un sistema de certificado de calidad (EMAS o ISO).
- Excluir el permiso de conducir y la propiedad de vehiculo como criterio de selección de personal; pueden ser condiciones complementarias, pero no excluyentes.
- Incorporar a la negociación colectiva el criterio de reubicación sistemática de trabajadores/as en los centros de trabajo más próximos a su domicato.





Al trabajo en bici











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