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Green Rail! European Freight Cleaner & Less Congested

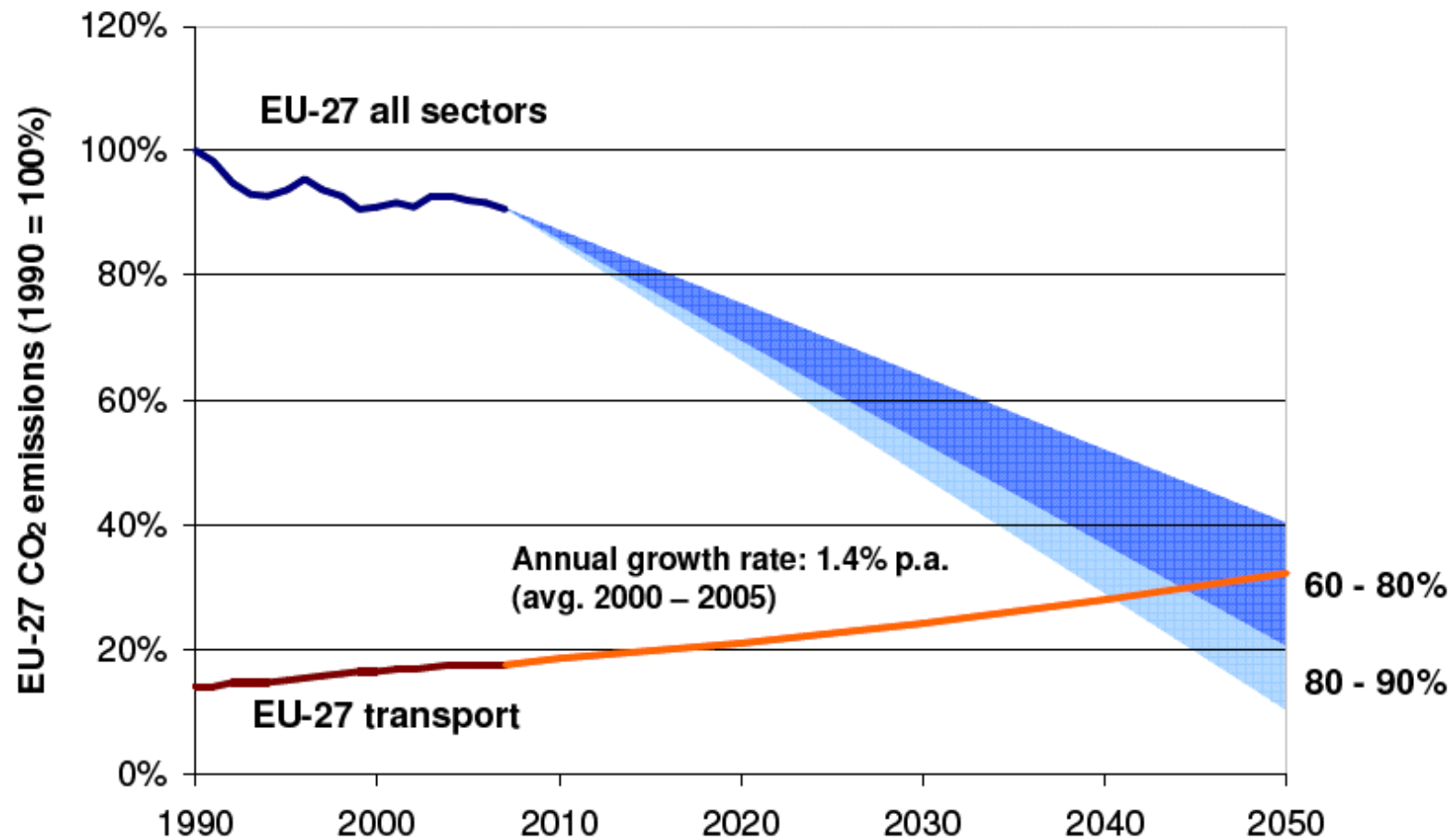




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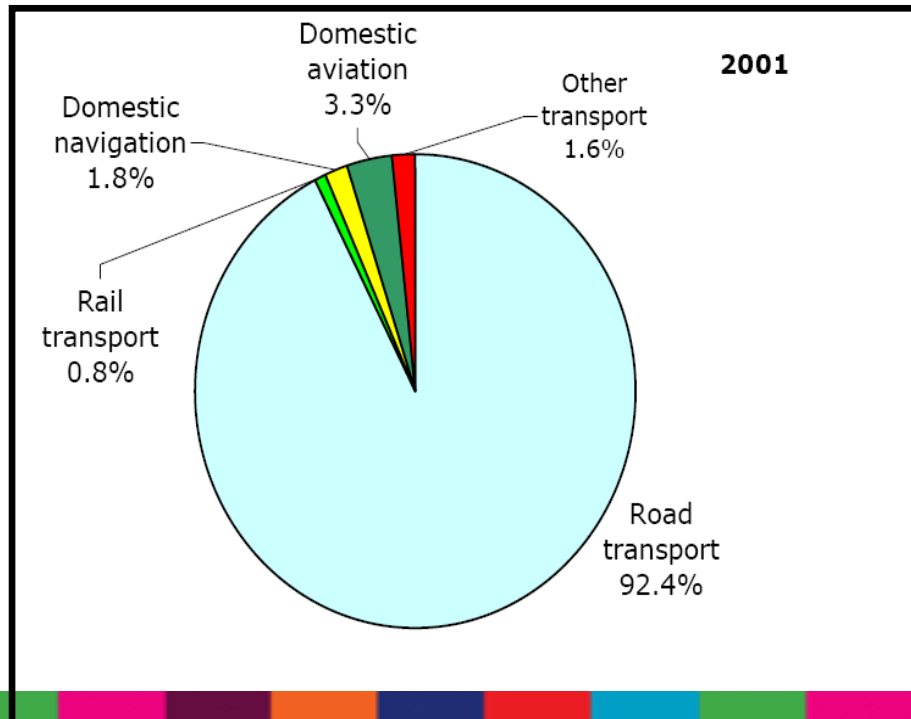
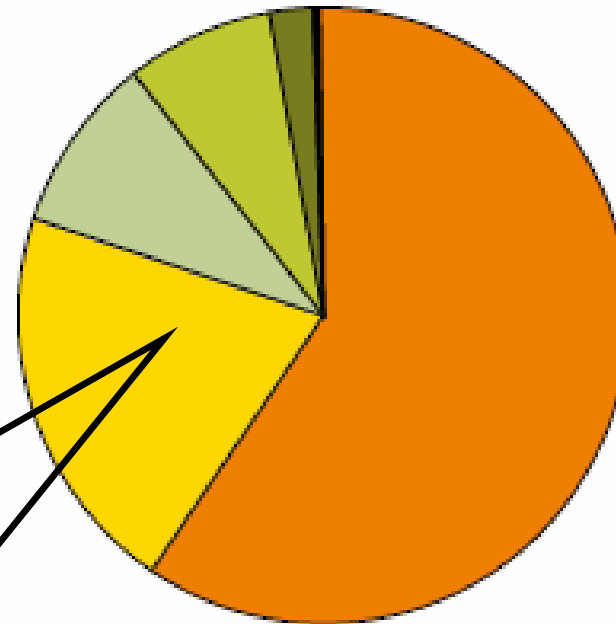
Transport Emissions The Problem !





EU Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- Energy use excluding transport 59 %
- Transport 21 %
- Agriculture 9 %
- Industrial processes 8%
- Waste 3 %



Note:
International aviation and maritime transport are excluded from EU commitments under the Kyoto Protocol (Art. 2.2)





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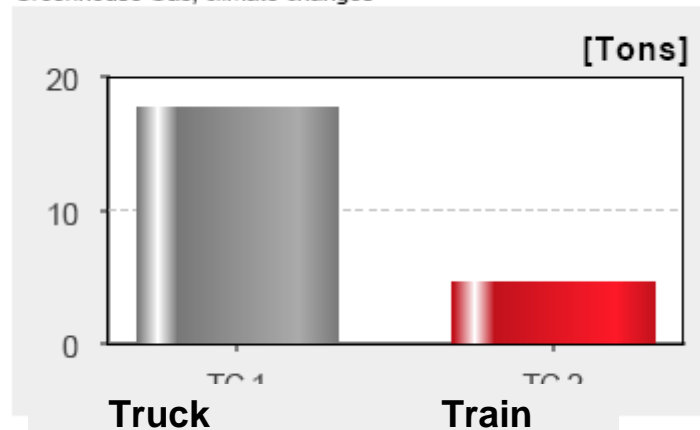
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Can Rail provide the answer ? Two examples:

Brussels – St. Petersburg

Carbon dioxide

Greenhouse Gas, climate changes



100 tonnes, average goods

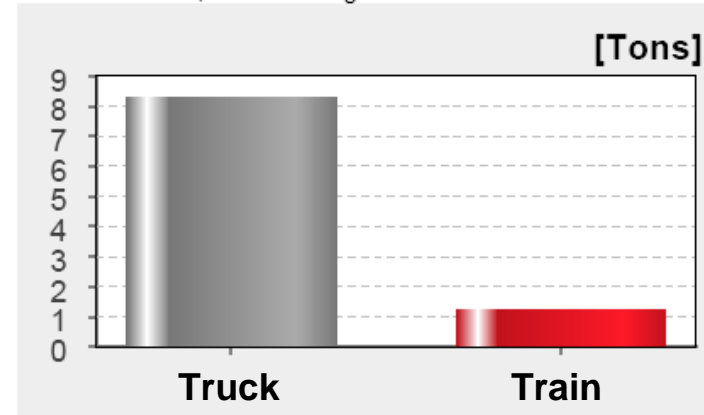
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Rotterdam – Genova

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Why Rail Freight ?

Green ! Transport accounts for 25% of EU CO₂ emissions, yet electrified trains can account for near zero CO₂ & diesel is twice as fuel efficient as road. . *Rail is the only fully developed electrified mass transport mode!*

Reduced Congestion! Each train can take several hundred trucks of the road.

Efficient: Trains carry large volumes from hub to hub, ideal for bulk transportation and port traffic.





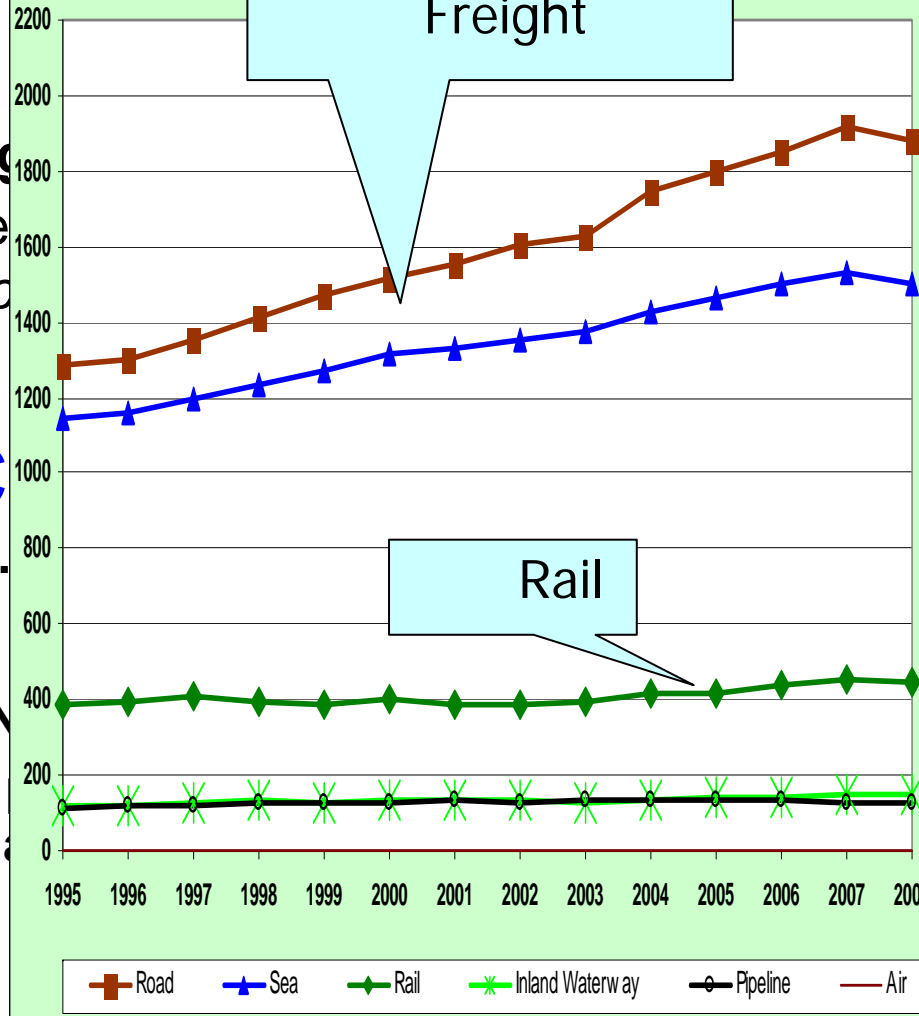
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EU27 Performance by Mode for Freight Transport

1995 - 2008

billion tonne-kilometres



Road and Sea Freight

Rail

?

Green ? Freight

fit composite brake
of replacement, lac

Reduced C

slow or decreasing.

Efficient ?

modes. Unreliable-
Often not operable

Volume to
Electric (cost

growth is
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between
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Policy Context

● European Transport Policy White Papers (2001, 2006... 2010)

Common themes:

- ➔ Linking Transport modes, Comodality towards the optimum sustainable sollution; Expansion of Rail freight (Now 40% central Europe, only 8% in EU)
- ➔ Trans European Freight Corridors (smoother cross border, one stop shop etc). Rail freight "freeways"
- ➔ Eliminating bottlenecks (*e.g. congestion, frontiers*)
- ➔ Opening markets, interoperability, Charges to encourage efficiency and competition.

● 3 rail packages: Directives towards interoperability and opening the rail market.

● Rail Industry technology platform (ERRAC: <http://www.errac.org>) Vision for 2020: "tripling the share in volume of rail freight transportation".

● Regulation concerning "a European Rail network for competitive freight"



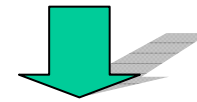
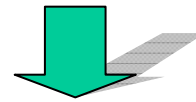
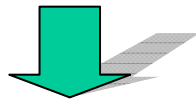


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Transport Emissions

$$\text{Total Emissions} = \text{Output} * \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Output}} * \frac{\text{Emissions}}{\text{Energy}}$$



Level of
activity

Energy
intensity

GHG
intensity

Demand
Management
(Virtual) Accessibility
Land planning

Exploit strengths of
each mode
Network optimisation
Efficient vehicles

Switch to
cleaner
fuels

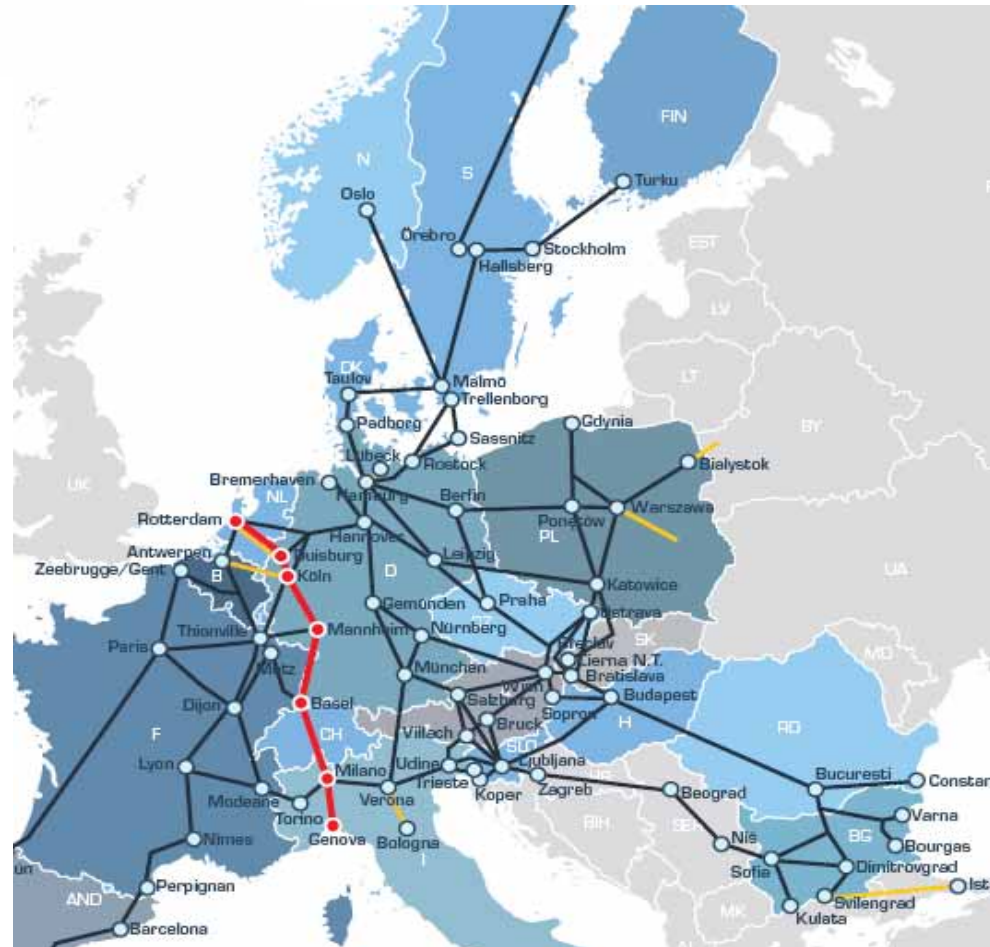


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How to tackle

- **Freight Corridors:**
 - ➔ First Corridor Rotterdam Genoa.
 - ➔ Largest Volumes
 - ➔ Seamless across borders
 - ➔ Priority freight
 - ➔ "one stop shop"
- **3 rail package directives**
 - ➔ Market Liberalisation
 - ➔ Interoperability
- **Research and Innovation supporting interoperability and smarter technological solutions ***



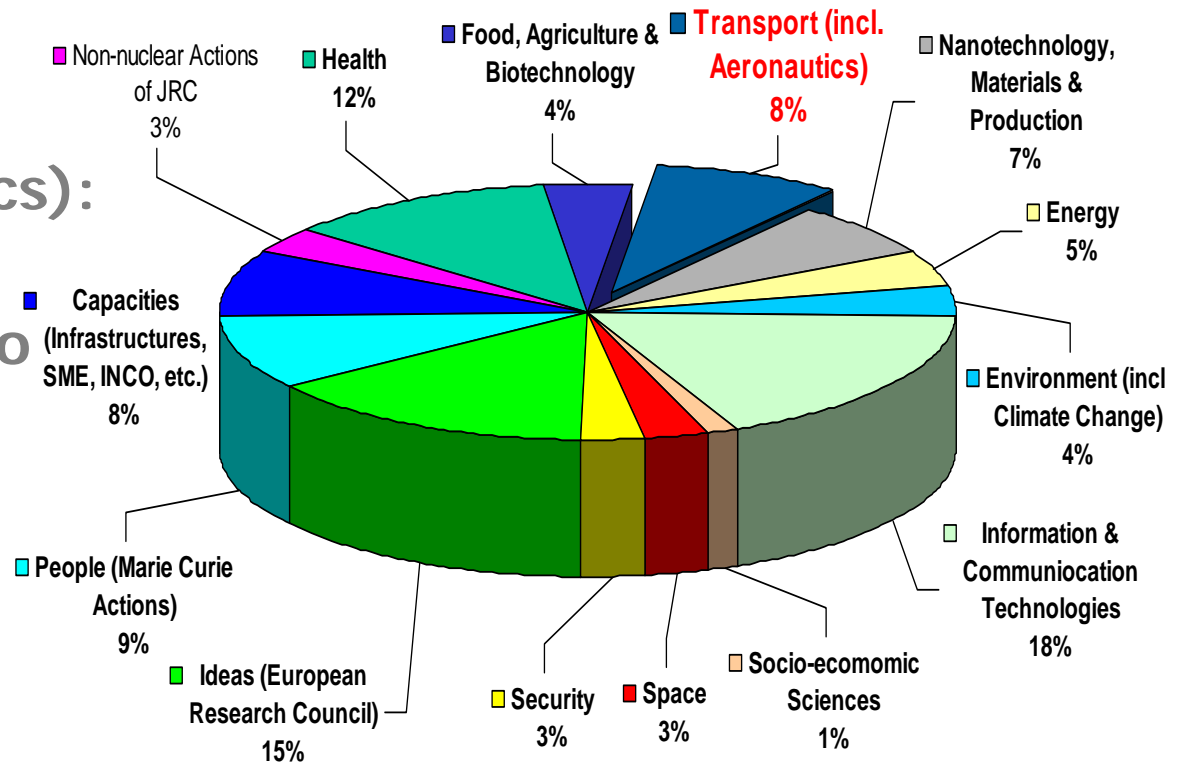


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EU FP7 Transport Research :

- FP7 (2007 to 2013)
Budget €51 Bio;
- Transport theme
(including Aeronautics):
4 Bio
- Surface Transport , so
far €510M.
- Typ 1/4 to 1/3
towards Rail
- 20th July 2010 New
call, €91.25M (Rail
€26M).





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FP7 2010 Rail freight Research

Topics targeted:

- **Carbon footprint of logistic chains and integration within logistic management tools.**
- **Fast implementation of near market technologies to improve rail freight competitiveness.**
- **Low density high value freight.**
- **Heavy Freight, vehicle track systems.**





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Example Freight Projects under negotiation

- **Cofret: €4M+, 14 partners.** Building upon existing techniques and establishing methodologies that will enable accurate and adaptable measurement of complete supply chain carbon footprints from different modes, including transshipment, cooling etc.
- **SUSTRAIL : €10M project 30 leading industrial, operator and academic partners,** (Includes Petersburg Transport University) towards rail vehicle track systems for heavy freight.
- **Marathon :€4.8 M, 17 partners,** Effective, management and market uptake of longer and heavier trains on faster high-volume Trans European freight corridors. 17 partners including important European operators.
- **VEL-Wagon: €1M project, 4 partners.** Developing a lighter longer wagon that can accommodate a variety of intermodal loading units and also be efficient for non-intermodal traffic



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Opportunities For Support !

July 20th 2010 Publication Call FP7-SST-2011-RTD-1
Deadline 2nd December 2010
Total €91.25 million

- **Non EU organisations are welcome in project teams.** (Typ there must be also be at least 3 different country EU member or associated state organisations).
- **EU support of 50%,75% or 100%** (Depending on organisation & cost type.)
- **Topics include:**
 - **Interoperability.**
 - **Reducing freight derailments and impacts.**
 - **Systems operation management for passenger and freight customer needs.**
 - **Cost effective improvement of rail infrastructures (be particularly relevant to networks of central and eastern Europe).**
 - **Urban and Interurban shipments.**
 - **Efficient interfaces between modes.**
 - **Coordination action: Improving and exploiting capacity**
 - **E freight solutions and supply chain management.**





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Thank you for your attention !

Further Information

- ➔ FP7 Transport Research:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/transport/index_en.cfm
- ➔ FP7 General : http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html
- ➔ FP7 Calls: Participant Portal
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/appmanager/participants/portal>
- ➔ Transport National contact points:
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html
- ➔ Rail Industry research Contact ERRAC: <http://www.errac.org/>

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