



Passenger rights:

The EU needs a fair deal for passengers and the climate!

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Where we want to go: the EU targets for 2020

- 20% reduction of **greenhouse gas emissions**
- 20% of EU's energy from **renewable resources**
- 20% improvement of **energy efficiency**

Where we stand

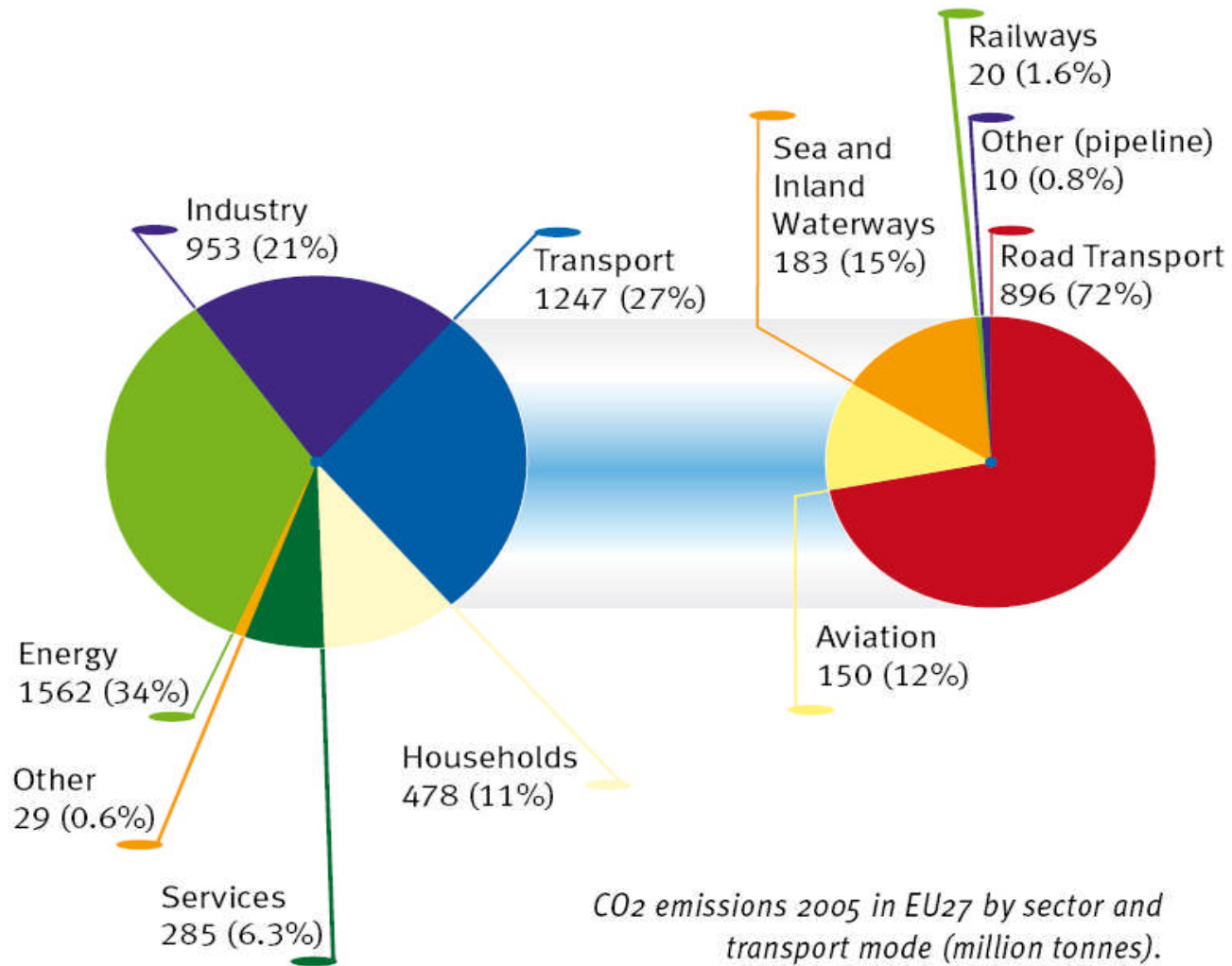
- continued **increase** in **CO₂ emissions** from transport: **+29%** since 1990
- weak connection between **economy and ecology**
- **Modal shift in the wrong direction**: share of air and road transport increases, share of rail and waterway decreases
- **unfair competition** between different transport modes
- transport planning with **wrong priorities**

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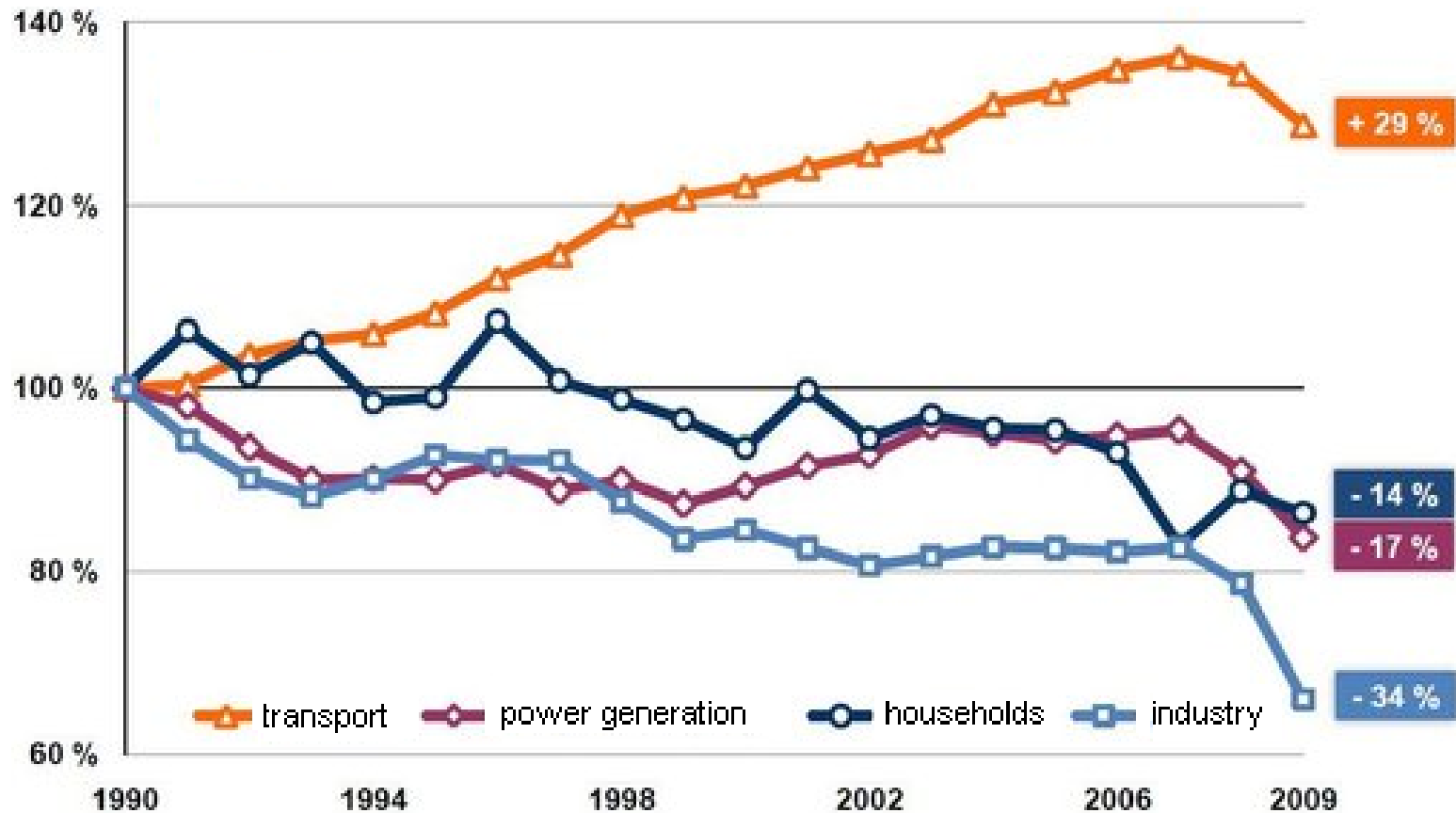


CO2 emissions by sector (2007)



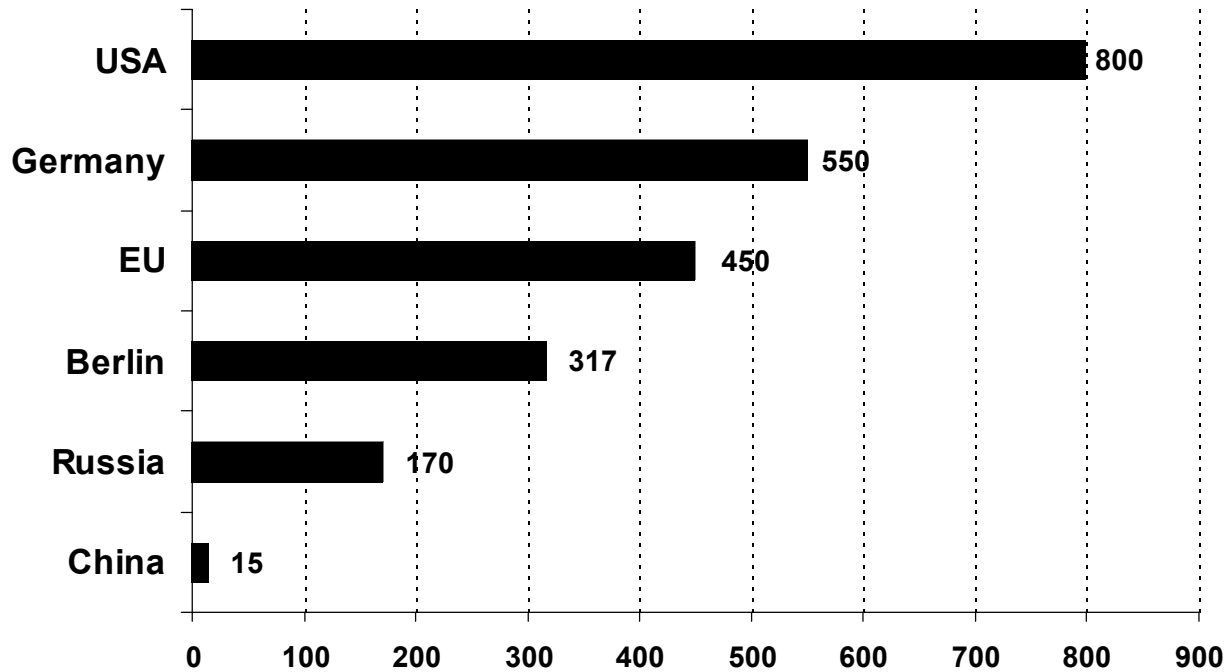
CO2 emissions 2005 in EU27 by sector and transport mode (million tonnes).
Source: EC 2007 and UIC Energy / CO2 database

Current situation



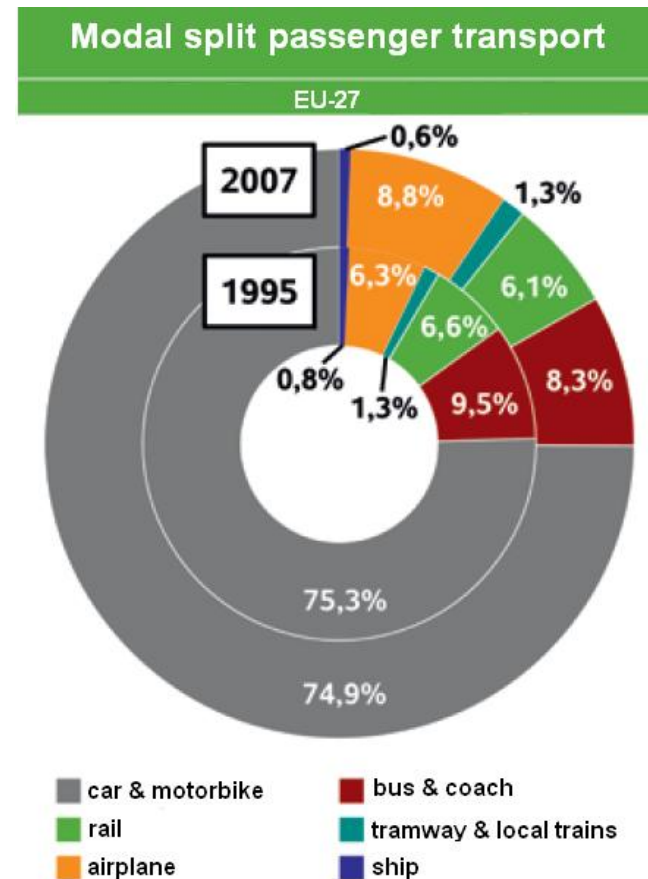


Cars per 1000 inhabitants



A modal shift – in the wrong direction

- The transport balance is continuously **shifting from rail to road**
- This is not due to a lack of competitiveness of green transport modes, but to **serious distortions of competition.**



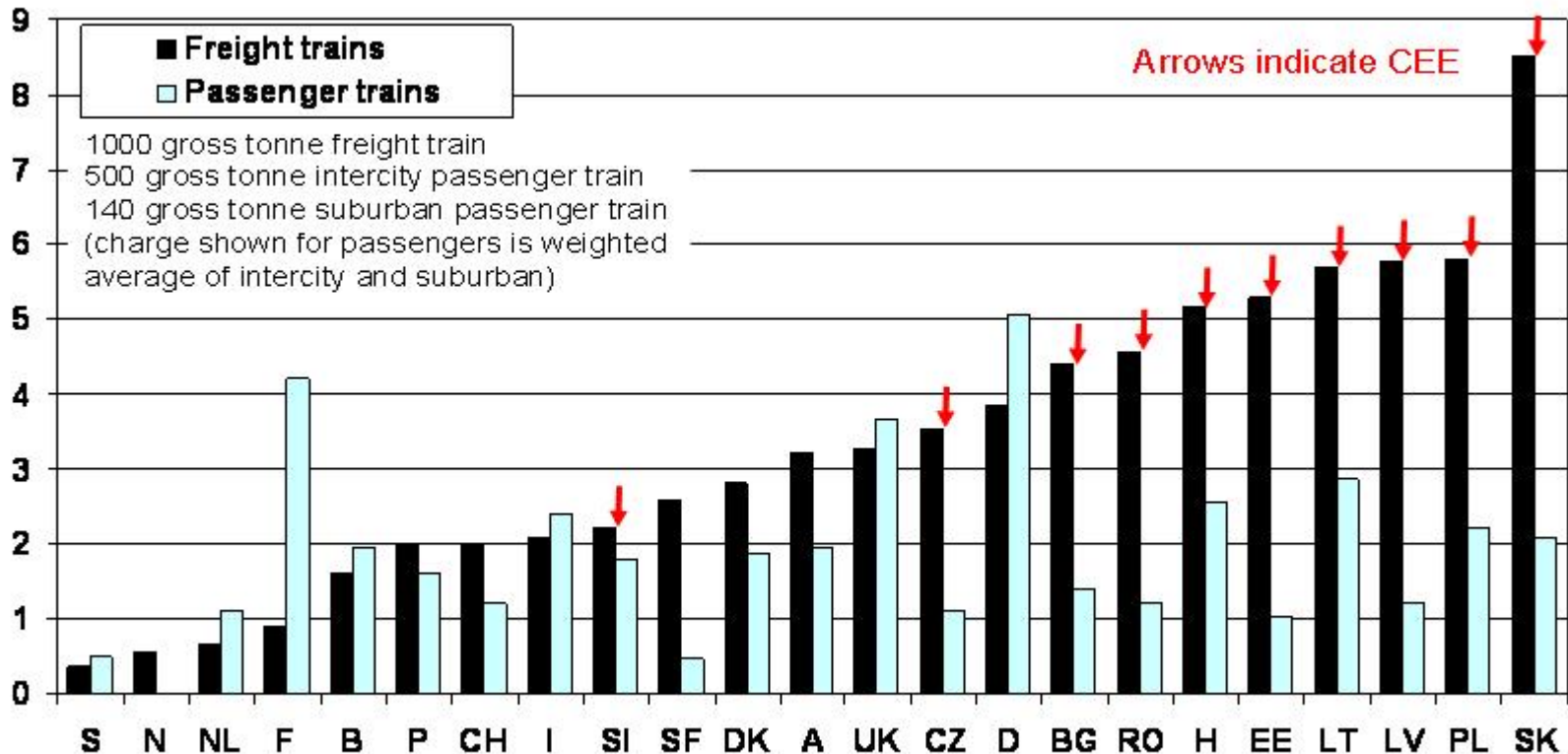
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Mandatory rail charge in Europe

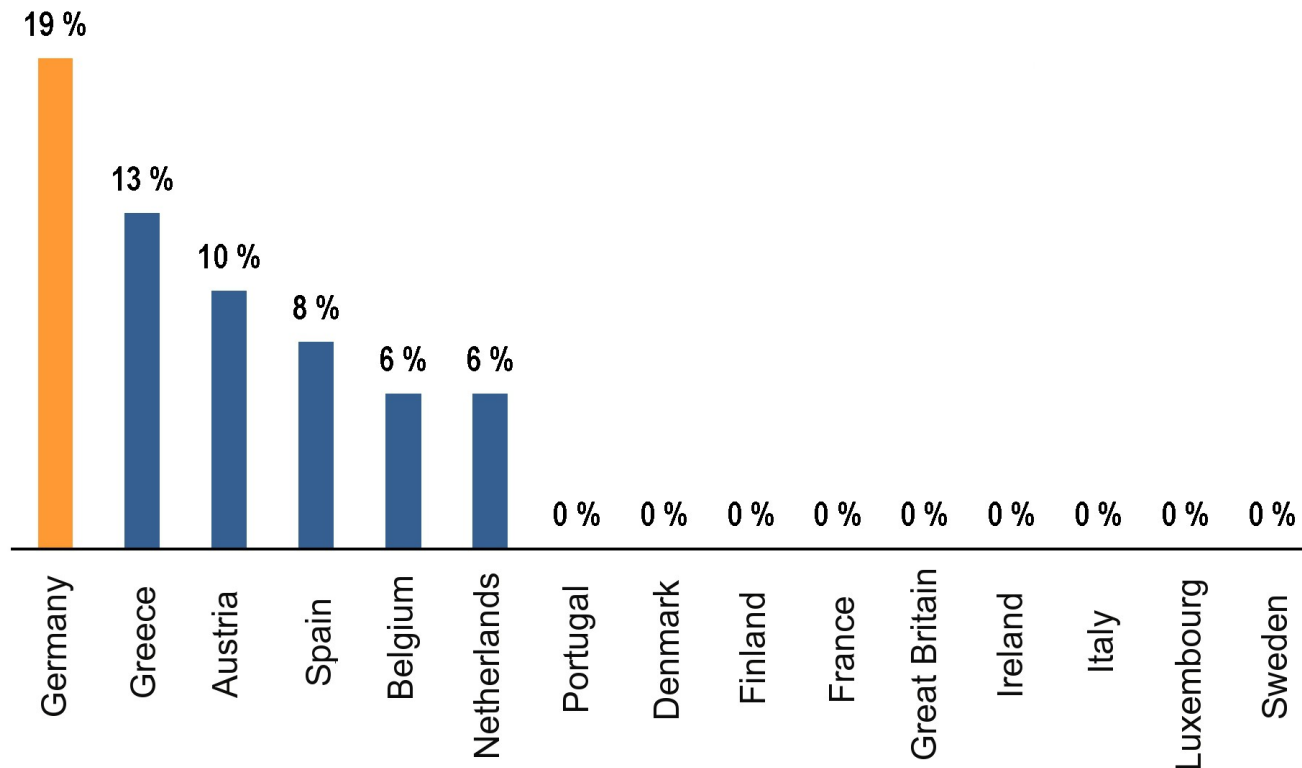
Source: ECMT (2005)



Prices for **rail-lines** vary enormously within the EU, above all those countries without any road charge for the use of motorways by lorries demand the highest fees for rail-usage

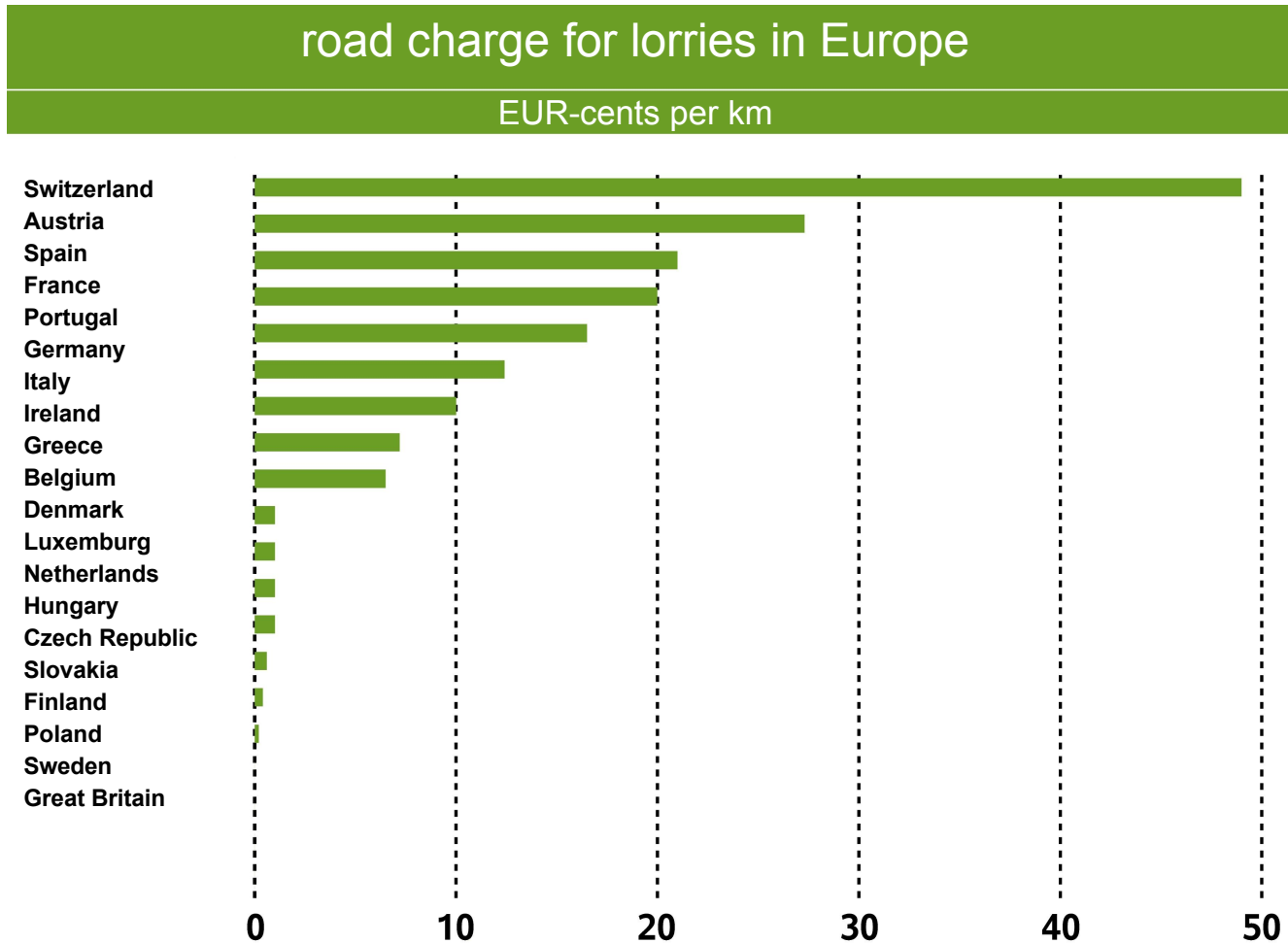
Taxation of rail connections

EU comparison: VAT rates on transborder rail connections (long-distance traffic)



Source: "Allianz pro Schiene" on the basis of data provided by the European Commission (2011), all other EU Member States not shown here apply a rate of 0%

Non-mandatory road charge for lorries



Privileges for aviation



- No kerosene tax (14 billion EUR subsidies per year)
- No Added-Value Tax on international flights (16 billion EUR per year)
- Weak integration in EU Emissions Trading Scheme (85% for free) and only since 2012
- No charges on air corridors (with the exception of Siberia)

Privileges for maritime transport



- **Inland navigation:**
 - 80% of EU inland navigation on the Rhine
 - No fuel taxation
 - No charges on waterways
 - Heavy investments despite existing excess capacities
- **Maritime transport:**
 - Using heavy oil (incinerating plants without filters)
 - Weak emission limits by International Maritime Organization
 - Not integrated into emissions trading

Inflation only for sustainable modes?

Parking charge versus ticket price for public transport (in Berlin)

- - **2 %** Parking (30 minutes): from 0,51 EUR in 1995 to 0,50 EUR in 2012
- **+21,7 %** Ticket for public transport: from 1,89 EUR in 1995 to 2,30 EUR in 2012

Penalties in Berlin

- **5 EUR** fee for incorrect parking for one hour, maximum of 25 EUR per day
- **40 EUR** fee for fare evasion on public transport

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A question of fairness:

An equally high level of passenger rights across all modes of transport



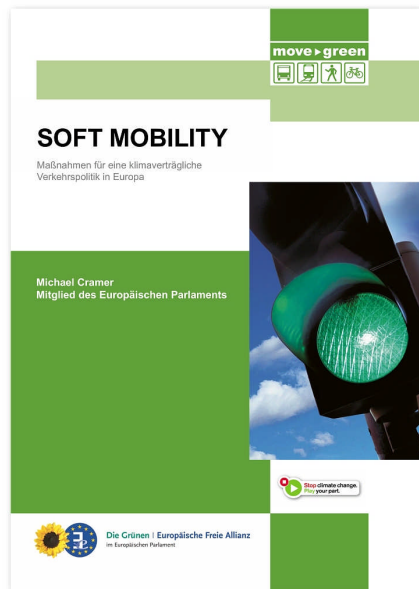
- **Rail:** 25% compensation after 1h of delay, 50% after 2h
- **Aviation:** reimbursement only after 5h (3h after ruling by European Court of Justice)
- **Maritime Transport:** reimbursement after 90 min.
- **Busses & coaches:** substantial passenger rights only for trips longer than 250 km, compensation only after 2h

The way ahead: A single rulebook for all modes of transport



- Urgent need: ensure **enforcement** of existing rules
- Need to set up independent and intermodal enforcement bodies
- Need to create a **fair** and **simple** legal framework
- Develop integrated intermodal ticketing
- Principle of „equal rights“, also for PRMs
- Commission Communication: *“A European vision for Passengers: Communication on Passenger Rights in all transport modes“* (19 December 2011)
- European Parliament about to start legislative work

Thank you very much for your attention!



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