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Smart and other EU moves on urban transport

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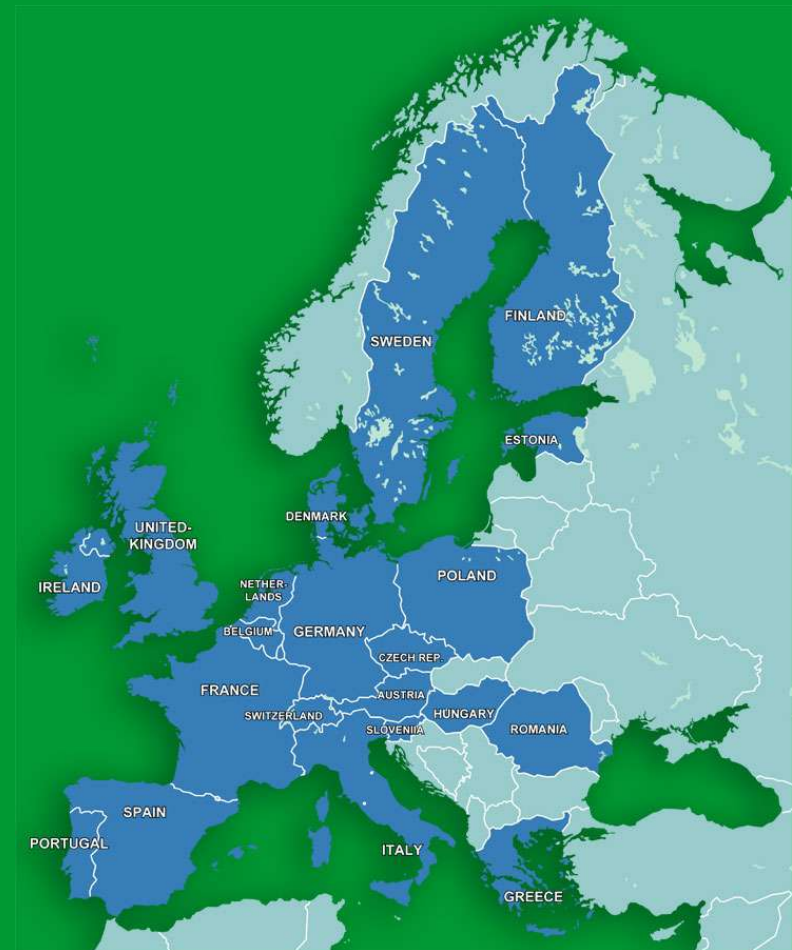
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EU moves and economics of urban transport

- **EU urban transport policy:**
 - standards (cars, fuels, air, ...)
 - R&D, demonstration
 - information & dissemination
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- **This speech: economic angle**
 - Pricing, taxation
 - Competition
 - Investment

1 - Pricing: economy favours smart moves

- London: –34% cars
- Excellent preparation, fair scheme
- ... And a man with a mission
- EU initiative lorry pricing restrictive
- ... so pricing becomes unattractive



2 - Public transport and competition

- Politicians underestimate support ...
- ... but companies should be clean and deliver at reasonable cost
- Controlled competition works ...
- Go beyond *ideological* arguments ...
- At least *discuss* potential merits for public transport



3 – Bigger cars and their taxation

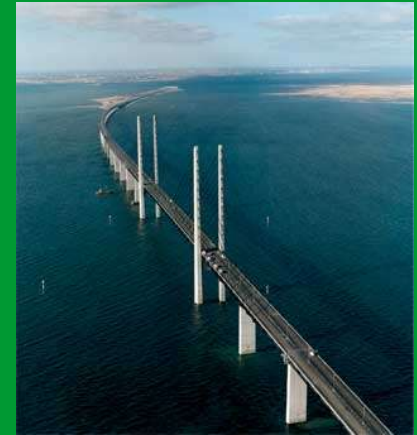
- Cars gain more in weight than people: +12 kg/yr
- Commission: 'abolish registration tax' = bigger & more cars



- MS should be free to decide what and how to tax ...
- Except for intentional loopholes

4 Investment, Trans-European Networks

- Link with urban transport ?
YES!
- €40bn/yr theory, practice ?
- EU money €5bn/yr, no CBA
- Fiscally, economically & environmentally dubious
- Suck away resources for good smaller-scale projects



And finally

- Sustainable urban mobility needs more than examples
- Note the difference between words and deeds
- Real development needs real political investment:
- Politicians at all levels hold the keys



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