EU transport policy
What to expect in the future?

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European Union generally

"Ten years since crisis struck, Europe's economy is finally bouncing back. And with it, our confidence. Our EU27 leaders, the Parliament and the Commission are putting the Europe back in our Union. Together, we are putting the Union back in our Union.“

"The wind is back in Europe’s sails. But we will go nowhere unless we catch that wind. (...) We should chart the direction for the future. (...) Now is the time to build a more united, stronger and more democratic Europe for 2025."

President Juncker “State of the Union”
13 September 2017
EU generally – what next?

+ Positive economic recovery
+ Europe in forefront of international cooperation
+ CETA etc
+ Focus on Better regulation
+ Positive signs regarding energy & climate impact

– Brexit 2019. Trade? EU budget?
– Populist (=anti EU) gains in many and authoritative tendencies within certain EU Member states. East/West divide on Social pillar/Immigration etc
– No unity about ”more Europe” (EU tax, EU minister of finance, Euro access, common foreign policy etc.).

Conclusion: uncertainty of EU reform pace but focus on common policy areas more feasible than institutional reforms
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Megatrend influences

-- UN Sustainability goals
-- Climate change & energy
-- Circular economy & society
-- Immigration & globalisation
-- ”Anywheres/Somewheres”
-- Digitalisation of societies
-- ”Internet of things”
-- ”Mobility as a service”
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Economic sustainability


2) Effective logistics – capacity of vehicles & vessels? collaboration? LaaS?

3) Market – common transport market or not? Periferal ↔ central areas? 3rd countries?

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Social sustainability

1) Posting of (transport) workers – limits and control?
2) Cabotage – temporary how?
3) Driving/resting time – where to sleep?
4) Traffic safety – towards 0 fatalities? Who’s responsibility?
5) Effects of 3rd country ownership?

E.U. START THINKING AND STOP SOCIAL DUMPING
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Ecological sustainability

1) Biofuels – sources? taxes? supply in Europe? cost?

2) Electrification – batteries? e-highways? charging system?

3) Vehicles standards – measuring? lorries as well? towards 0-emissions?

4) Infra charging – user/polluter pays? ”greenwashing”/earmarking?

5) Curbing mobility – what if climate goals must be enhanced? will technology cope? clash economy-ecology?
EU Transport policy – how to influence it?

Long decision process = many channels possible, early start often advantageous

1) **European Commission**: propose legislation. Influence through EU trade organisations, participation in EU projects & studies, answering COM on-line consultations, direct contact with COM responsible officials

2) **Council of Ministers**: Member states decision body. Influence through contacts with national government officials + Brussels representation.

3) **European Parliament**: Publicly chosen political assembly. Influence thorough contact with national members and/or other members relevant for the issue. Participation in conferences.

4) **European Economic & Social Committee + European Regional Committee**: advisory bodies. Influence through contacts with national members and/or other members representing relevant interest.
Thanks for listening!
Tack för mig!

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