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Consultation Workshop

« Logistics for Promoting Freight Intermodality »

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European Policy Context

- **Transport White Paper – Transport at the service of European industry and citizens**
- **Mid-Term Review of the White Paper**
- **Lisbon Agenda – Prosperity and competitiveness**
- **Sustainable development - Climate change, de-coupling transport growth from harmful environmental emissions**
- **Enlargement – Continuous integration of new Member States, and Bulgaria and Romania**



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EU is Facing Freight Transport Problems

- **European prosperity and competitiveness need to be increased**
 - ◆ **Congestion, reliability (just-in-time)**
- **Capacity will not increase in line with growth**
 - ◆ **Cost of new infrastructure, local objections**
- **Concerns about climate change**
- **Dependence on fossil fuels – price instability**

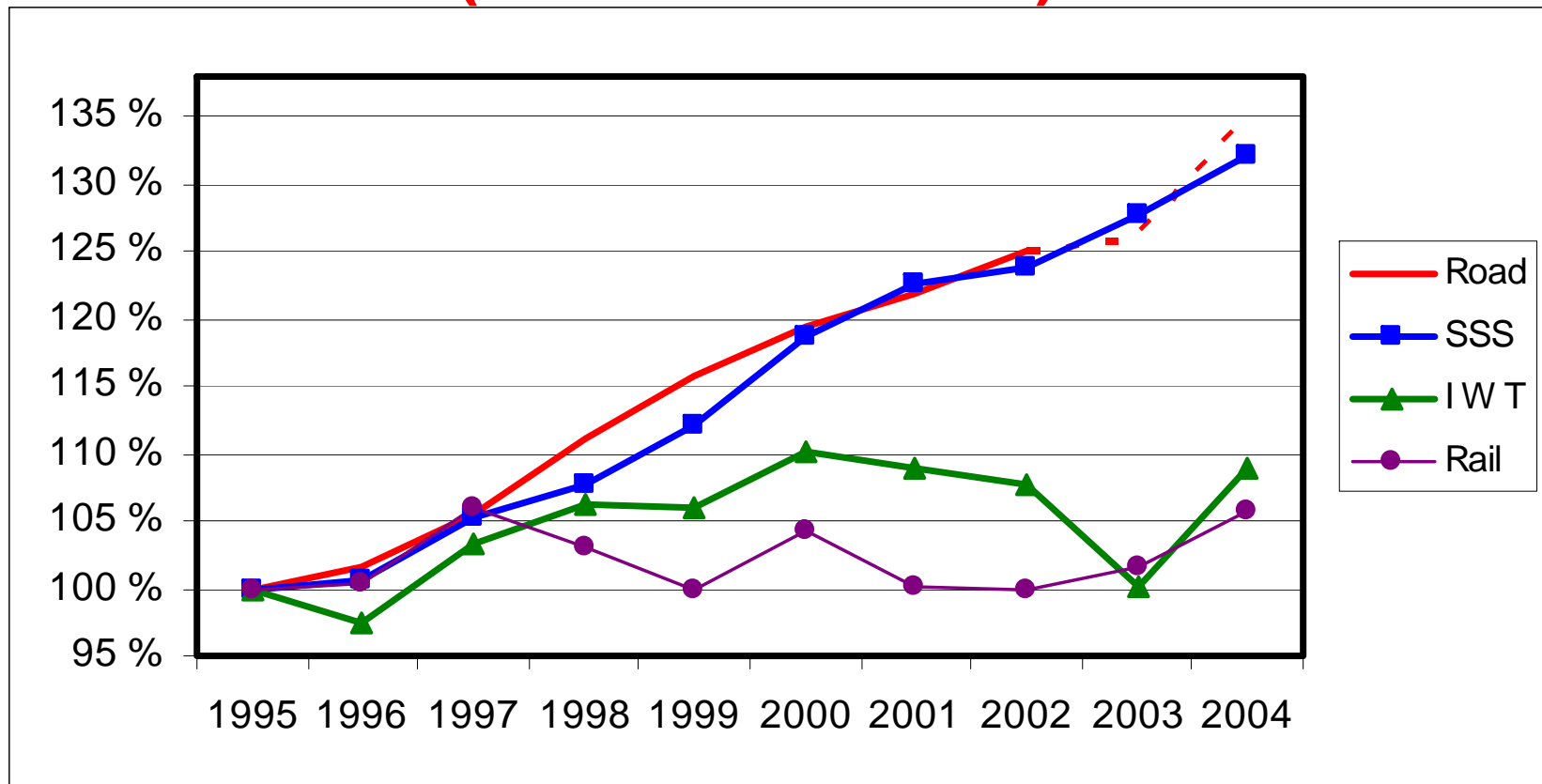


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Growth of Freight Transport by Mode 1995-2004 (index 1995 = 100)





Importance of Transport Logistics

- **Logistics costs = 10-15% of final product costs (transport, warehousing, inventory holding)**
- **Global logistics industry = USD 6,7 trillion / year or 13,8% of global GDP**
- **European logistics expenditure = USD 1,2 trillion / year or 13,3% of GDP**



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Proposed Freight Transport Solutions

➤ Intermodality

- ◆ Make better use of alternative modes that have accessible spare capacity

➤ Co-modality

- ◆ Efficient use of all transport modes operating individually or in intermodal integration in the European freight transport system to reach an optimal efficiency of resources



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What is the Commission's role in logistics?

- **Logistics is business!**
- **The role of authorities is crucial for providing a beneficial framework for business to grow**
- **Involve providers and users of transport services in policy making and increase their impact**



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Available EU Policies and Tools

- **Liberalisation and harmonisation**
- **Infrastructure and superstructure**
- **ICT (Galileo, NCTS, LRIT, AIS, RIS, ERTMS ...)**
- **One-stop administrative shopping ('single window')**



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Consultation Paper: « Logistics for Promoting Freight Intermodality »

**[http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/
logistics/consultations/index_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/transport/logistics/consultations/index_en.htm)**

Timetable 2006:

- **Consultation paper on 15 February**
- **Deadline for written comments 31 March**
- **Consultation workshop 25 April with stakeholders**
- **Commission Communication planned for June**



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Towards a European Strategy

Possible Ingredients (1)

- **Co-ordination of policies and tools**
- **Co-operation at global level**
- **Quality certification for companies**
- **Training**



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Towards a European Strategy

Possible Ingredients (2)

- **Standardisation**
 - **Loading equipment**
 - **ICT**
 - **Liability / transport documents**



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Towards a European Strategy

Possible Ingredients (3)

- **Intermodal promotion**
- **Neutral platform for industry and the Member States (Focal Points)**
 - **Exchange views, discuss European strategy, identify and solve obstacles, collect best practice, etc.**



The Way Forward

- **Detailed Action Plan in 2007**
- **Possible legislative proposals as from 2007**



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Questions to Stakeholders

- 1) Do you agree with the chosen approach to concentrate on framework conditions for transport logistics at European level?**
- 2) Do you agree with the suggested European quality approach to promoting transport logistics?**
- 3) Do you have comments on the individual actions mentioned in the Consultation Paper?**
- 4) Do you have further suggestions?**



Thank you
for
your attention