

## Greening Transport Package – Citizens' Summary

### **What is the problem?**

- Transport is key to our economies and our lifestyles
- But it causes too many accidents, too much congestion, too much noise and too much environmental damage, both through climate change and local pollution
- Growth in transport use is likely to make these problems worse
- As society bears the costs, there is little incentive for transport users to change their behaviour and reduce the negative impacts they cause.

### **What will the package do?**

- Show what has already been done by the EU to make all types of transport more sustainable and set out what it will do over the coming year
- Long-term — make all transport users pay for the negative impacts they cause
- Short-term — reduce pollution, noise and congestion caused by heavy-goods vehicles.
- Reduce noise from the EU's railways
- Contribute to achieving the EU's climate change and energy policy goals, in particular reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 20% and increasing energy efficiency by 20%, both by 2020

### **What are the benefits?**

- Savings of 6-8% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, NO<sub>x</sub> emissions and sulphur emissions each year from heavy goods vehicles
- Reduction by 50% in noise from rail freight trains

### **Who will benefit?**

- All those travelling on congested main roads and all those living nearby suffering from air and noise pollution
- 16 million people will benefit from markedly less rail noise

### **Where and how will there be action?**

- Lorries will be used on roads where and when they cause least air pollution, congestion and noise
- More, cleaner lorries will be bought and used on major roads
- Rail freight wagons will be fitted with less noisy brakes; the effects will be felt across the network
- Member States will be encouraged to make sure that the price of transport services reflects their costs to society — this will help transport users to change their behaviour.

### **When is this planned to come into effect?**

- Before 2011 for heavy goods vehicles

- For rail noise by 2011