Generating growth

Transport is the lifeblood of the EU economy
€24.05 bn are available for infrastructure projects in the EU for the period 2014-2020. This is about €47 for each European citizen.

The new transport investments plan can create up to 10 million jobs and increase Europe’s GDP by 1.8% by 2030.

There are over **361 000** road passenger transport companies and over **553 000** road freight transport companies enabling people to travel and exchange goods in the EU.

*Source: EU Transport in Figures 2017, based on Eurostat*
EU countries (Germany, Netherlands, Austria, Belgium, United Kingdom, Sweden and Luxembourg) occupy 7 of the top 10 spots in a ranking of how well countries organise the movement of goods worldwide.*

Aviation contributes about €101 bn to the GDP of the EU, more than twice the GDP of Luxembourg.

Source: Eurostat, structural business statistics, 2014 data
Sea transport ships almost 76.1% of the EU’s external trade (by volume).

In comparison, road transports 6.4%, rail transports 3.8% and air transports 0.8%.

Source: EU Transport in Figures 2017 based on Eurostat COMEXT 2015 data
More than 2,400 commercial seaports operate along some 70,000 Km of EU coasts. Rotterdam, Hamburg and Antwerp rank among the world’s top 20 container ports.

Source: Eurostat, maritime statistics / World Shipping Council, top 50 World Container Ports, 2015
Between 1985 and 2016, the EU increased the capacity of its high-speed rail network more than **12 times** (from 643 km to 8250 km).

*Source: EU Transport in Figures 2017, Union International des Chemins de fer*