Connecting people

Transport improves the quality of life for all Europeans
In 2015, private households in the EU spent €1 044 bn in transport related activities divided as following:

- **Use of vehicles**: 50%
- **Buy vehicles**: 28%
- **Tickets**: 22%
- **Other**: 73.7%

On average this is **13% of a household income**, more than we spend on food and non-alcoholic drinks and far more than we set aside for education (1.1%).

**Source:** Eurostat, national accounts, 2015 data / EU Transport in Figures 2017
In 2015, nearly **918 million** passengers used EU airports, roughly **26%** of all passengers worldwide.

Under current trends and adopted policies, air travel is expected to increase by about **60%** from 2010 to 2030.

*Source: Eurostat aviation statistics, ICAO / EU Reference scenario 2016*
The delay cost of road congestion in Europe is estimated to about €140bn a year, equivalent to 1% of EU GDP, or around €275 for each EU citizen!

Source: Study on urban mobility 2017 – Assessing and improving the accessibility of urban areas. Annex 2: Estimation of European Urban Road Congestion Costs
In 2015, on average every person in the EU-28 has travelled by any motorized means of transport **12 962 km**.

This is about 2 return trips from Lisbon to Warsaw.

*Source: EU Transport in Figures 2017*
For every **person killed on roads**, another estimated 5 suffer serious injuries.

In the past 10 years road fatalities decreased by **42%**, and the number of reported serious injuries by only **30%**.

**Source:** EU road traffic accident data base, 2016
Cars are still the dominant means of transportation in Europe.

2015 Passenger transport in %, based on passenger-kilometres:

- Cars: 71.5%
- Air travel: 9.8%
- Railway: 1.6%
- Bus: 8.2%
- Motorcycles: 1.9%
- Road transport (other than cars): 6.7%
- Sea travel: 0.3%

Source: EU Transport in Figures 2017 / DG MOVE estimates on EU Transport in Figures 2017 data
Europeans take the trams and subways three times more than Americans. They also use 11 times as much the train for travelling.

Source: EU Transport in Figures 2017