2010 Transport policy developments in the EU including the preparation of the 2011 White Paper on EU Transport Policy.

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- New Commission 2010-2014. President José Manuel Barroso. Vice-President in charge of transport: Mr Siim Kallas. Creation of DG MOVE.

- EU adopts « Europe 2020 strategy » for jobs and growth to become a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy. It contains two “Headline targets” relevant for transport:
  
  » "20/20/20" by 2020 targets: Reduce GHG emissions by at least 20% compared to 1990 or by 30%, if the conditions are right; increase share of renewable energy sources in final energy consumption to 20% (10% for transport); and a 20% increase in energy efficiency;
  
  » Raise investment in R&D up to 3% of GDP.

- The strategy includes among its objectives the modernisation of the transport sector.

- With its new Transport White Paper the Commission will propose its strategy and an action plan for transport policy over the current decade inspired by the 2020 Strategy. To be adopted by end March 2011.
Achievements 2010: legislation and policy measures approved by EU institutions

- A European Rail Network for Competitive Freight
- Commission takes legal action against 13 MS for failing to fully implement first railway package
- “Single Window” Directive on reporting formalities to create a European Maritime Transport Space without barriers
- Maritime and IWW passenger rights
- …followed by coach and buses passenger rights
- Road safety policy guidelines
- Action Plan on Air Cargo security approved by Council
- Intelligent Transport Systems directive
- Approval of the “performance indicators” and “charging” regulations of the Single European Sky II package
- EU-USA air transport agreement’s second stage
- ICAO agreement opens the way for implementation of EU-ETS to aviation
Achievements 2010: Commission proposals discussed by EU Institutions or in the pipeline

- Eurovignette review to add pollution and noise external costs to infrastructure charges for trucks
- Cross-border enforcement in the field of road safety
- Recast of the first railway package (Single Rail Area: access to rail-related services, charging…)
- 2011 Transport Trans-European network Review: dual-layer approach with a core and a comprehensive multimodal network
- Draft Treaty setting up a Western Balkans Transport Community

Apart from new policy proposals there is the daily management and development of international agreements in aviation, maritime and inland transport as well as action in transport cooperation frameworks at regional level (partnerships) and work with international organisations (IMO, ICAO, OTIF, WTO…).
White Paper reflection axes:
1) Single Transport Area
Use less energy by exploiting the strength of each mode

- Establishing a **Single Transport Area** in which all residual barriers between countries and modes are eliminated.

- This will require progress particularly on:
  - Completing the European Single Sky and deployment of SESAR.
  - Making competitive rail freight corridors work. ERTMS.
  - Launching market regulation reviews on road freight transport (cabotage), railways (domestic passenger railways), seaports (all legislation), airports (groundhandling, slots).
White Paper reflection axes:
2) Innovation: Strategic Transport Technology Plan
   Use cleaner energy to fight oil dependency and Climate Change

- Promoting **technological development** - including electromobility, biofuels, IT and ITS - to achieve:
  - A complete phase-out of conventional diesel and petrol cars by 2050 in urban areas
  - **60%** CO$_2$ emissions for transport
  - A Single European Ticket for a Single European Area.
White Paper reflection axes:
3) Better infrastructure
Exploit existing infrastructure more efficiently

• Investing in the TEN-T network by developing a genuinely European core network:
  • Ensure balance between European needs and local environmental concerns
  • Take the tough decisions on funding for a limited core European TEN-T network.
  • Gradually introduce road pricing for all users
Thank you for your attention!

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