

The EU Strategy for the Danube Region  
Priority Area 1b: To improve mobility and Multimodality – road, rail and air links

Item 3:

# CWP: European Green Deal & Will Covid-19 change mobility?

(Information collected from EC's website and docs)

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# European Commission (2019-2024)

**Ursula von der Leyen Commission's Six (6) Priorities:**

- **A European Green Deal**
- **A Europe fit for the digital age**
- **An economy that works for people**
- **A stronger Europe in the world**
- **Promoting our European way of life**
- **A new push for European democracy**

**Out of six TWO are IMPORTANT FOR TRANSPORT more than the others!**

# EC(2019-2024): European Green Deal

**COMMUNICATION** from the COMMISSION to the EP, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: **The European Green Deal** (11.12.2019; COM(2019) 640 final)

- ❑ **resets** the Commission's **commitment to tackling climate and environmental-related challenges**.
- ❑ The European Green Deal:
  - ❖ **a new growth strategy**, aims to transform the EU into a fair and prosperous society, with a modern, resource-efficient and competitive economy:
    - **no net emissions of greenhouse gases** in 2050 and
    - economic growth is **decoupled** from resource use.
  - ❖ transition must be just and inclusive. It must put **people first**, pay **attention to the regions**, industries and workers
  - ❖ will require **massive public investment** and increased efforts to direct private capital towards climate and environmental action, while avoiding lock-in into unsustainable practices.
  - ❖ the environmental ambition will **not be achieved by Europe acting alone**.
  - ❖ is an integral part of this Commission's strategy to **implement the United Nation's 2030 Agenda and the sustainable development goals (SDGs)**.
- ❑ The Communication presents an **initial roadmap of the key policies and measures** needed to achieve the European Green Deal.

# EC(2019-2024): European Green Deal

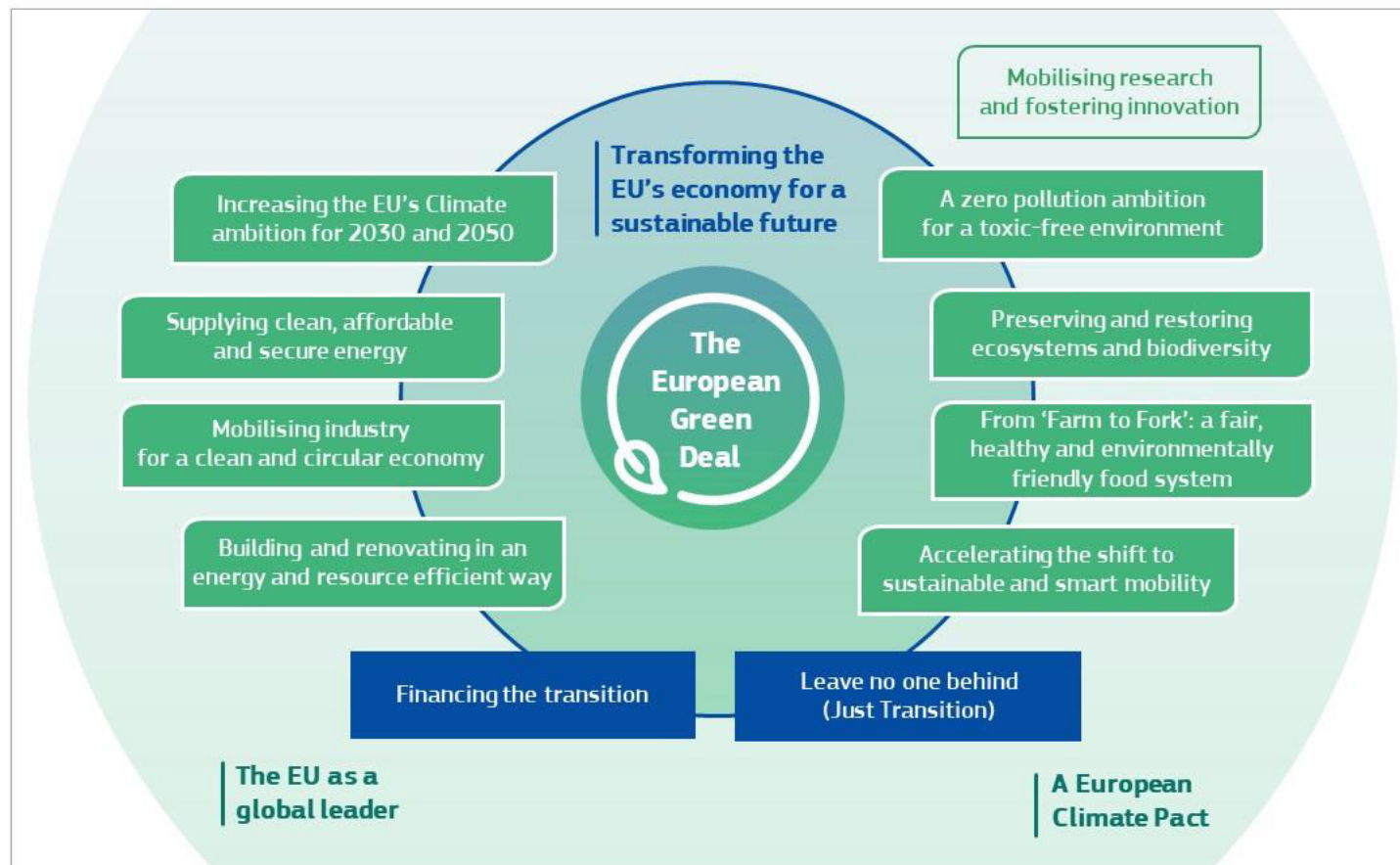


Figure 1: The European Green Deal : illustration of the various elements of the Green Deal (source: EC Communication).

## THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

# **Commission Work Programme 2020-2021 DG MOVE**

# Priorities: A European Green Deal (1)

## A European Green Deal (1)

### NEW INITIATIVES:

#### Sustainable and smart mobility:

- **Strategy for sustainable and smart mobility** (Communication, Q4 2020)
- **Sustainable aviation fuels** (legal act, Q4 2020)
- **Sustainable maritime** (legal act, Q4 2020)

# Priorities: European Green Deal (2)

## **A Europe Fit for the DIGITAL Age**

### **NEW INITIATIVES:**

#### **Aviation services package:**

- **Airport Charges (legislative, Q4 2020)**
- **Air Services (legislative, Q4 2020)**

# EC Work Plan 2020 – DG Move

## WITHDRAWELS:

- **Combined transport of goods between Member States** (COM(2017)0648; 2017/0290(COD))

## REFIT:

- Regulation 913/2010 concerning a European rail network for competitive freight (**Rail Freight Corridor Regulation**)
- Evaluation of the directive 2005/44 on **harmonised River Information Services**
- Evaluation of **the Driving Licence Directive** 2006/126/EC

# The European Commission's 2020 work programme (CWP 2020)

## **PENDING PROPOSALS:**

- **TEN-T Streamlining measures** (COM(2018)0277)
- **Connecting Europe Facility** (COM(2018)0438)
- **Charging of heavy goods vehicles** („Eurovignette“) (COM(2017)0275)
- **Rail Passengers' rights and obligations** (COM(2017)0548)
- **Air passengers' rights** (COM(2013)0130)
- **Single European Sky** (recast) (COM(2013)0410)
- **Allocation of slots at EU Airports** (COM(2011)0827)
- **Busses and Coach** services (COM(2017)0647)
- **Seasonal time change** (COM(2018)0639)

## Pandemic consequences for transport?

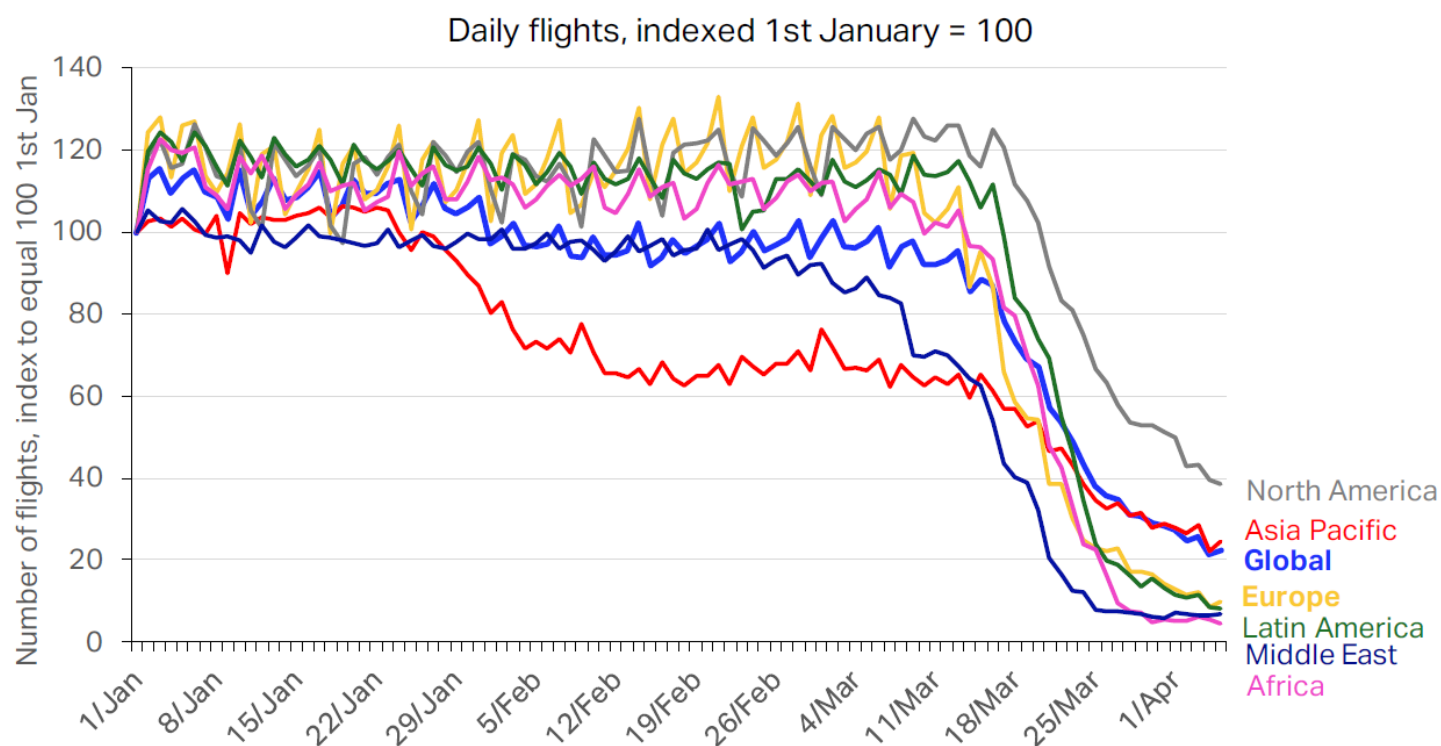
**Will Covid-19 change  
mobility?**

# Aviation(1)

## Outbreak and crisis:

- One of the first and most visible impacts of the Covid-19 outbreak/crisis was on transport, travel and mobility
- **Aviation** was one of the sectors **hardest hit** by the Covid-19 crisis,
- (many) **countries closed their borders and suspending international air travel.**
- air travel also curtailed by social distancing, confinement measures, and shrinking economic activity.
- **The 80% - 90% global drop in flights has caused severe financial disruption to the aviation sector.**

## Aviation(2)



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## Land transport - Freight (1)

- **Mobility restrictions** related to Covid-19 reduced **global freight transport by 20% (?)**, expected up to 36% by the end of 2020
- **Urban goods transport is more resilient** as increased online shopping adds deliveries.
- **Non-urban freight activity, i.e. national and international goods transport outside of cities, could be significantly lower overall**
- **Regional differences are significant. Europe is in the middle of the range with reductions of around 30 - 40% (estimation!);**
- **CO2 emissions associated with freight fall significantly.**

# Land transport - passengers: (1)

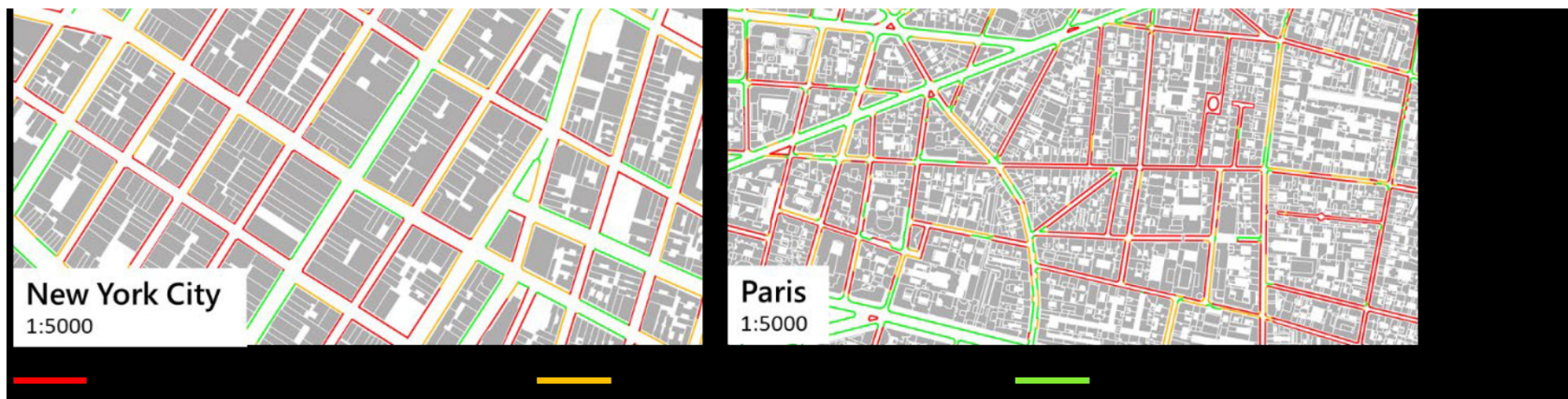
## Public (urban) transport

- Public transport use, road traffic and everyday mobility have collapsed to record low levels as a result – even in places with no stay-at-home orders.
- Cities must meet challenge to continue as catalysts for creative social and economic activity despite new health imperatives.
- Mobility in cities emerging from confinement will be different from what it was before the lockdown.
- At the core is challenge linked to the way in which limited space will be re-allocated.

# Public (urban) transport (4)

## Urban transport - micromobility

Figure: Space Walk-sidewalk conformity to physical spacing requirements



Red: inadequate (less than 1,5 m) Green: Tolerable (between 1-2 m) Red: Acceptable (more than 2 m)

Source: ITF based on OpenStreetMap, WHO, CEREMA, APUR, City of New York, Meli Harvey, Ville de Paris, OpenStreetMap

# HOW WILL THE FUTURE LOOKS LIKE?

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION adopted a document:

**Tourism and transport in 2020 and beyond:** COMMUNICATION from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions (Brussels, 13.5.2020 COM(2020) 550 final)

and **the package** that brings together guidance and recommendations to:

- Safely restore unrestricted free movement and reopen internal borders: Guidance on restoring freedom of movement and lifting of internal border controls
- Safely restore transport and connectivity: Guidance on transport
- Safely resume tourism services: Guidance on tourism, in particular hospitality
- Address the liquidity crunch and rebuild consumer confidence: Recommendation on vouchers

# Estimates for transport - Future?

## **LONG TERM:**

**DID WE LEARN SOMETHING or WE ARE GOING TO RESTORE  
WAY WE WORK AND BEHAVE?**

- 1) Shall we work from home (more often and whenever possible)?
- 2) Shall we travel less (for business and leisure)?
- 3) Shall we subsidize at least one personal vehicle per family?

## ***DISCUSSION***

# Thank you very much!

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