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# EU Transport GHG: Routes to 2050 II

Transport in resource efficient, low carbon and  
climate resilient economy

*Panel Discussion*

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# Members of the Panel

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# Discussion topics and framework

- Three topics:
  - I. Transport intensity of economic growth
  - II. From economic growth to welfare growth?
  - III. Short term transport policy
- Framework for each topic:
  - Short statements by the members of the panel (2 minutes each)
  - Discussion between members of the panel (9 minutes)
  - Questions and remarks from all participants (5 minutes)

# I. Transport intensity of economic growth

- To what extent would a move towards a more sustainable economy, in the context of Europe 2020, affect the growth of either passenger and/or freight transport?
- Could future economic development become less transport-intensive? For passenger transport, freight transport or both?
- Could decarbonisation of transport be achieved without hampering the growth of transport?
- Should reducing the transport intensity of economic growth be a target or just a potential result of a decarbonisation strategy?

## II. From economic growth to welfare growth?

- Is a shift to an alternative definition of economic growth, reflecting broader welfare impacts, helpful or even needed for decarbonising transport and the economy in general?
- Would an increased consideration of social concerns as a result of alternative indicators lead to less or more travel?

# III. Short term transport policy

- To what extent should the transport intensity of economic growth be considered in short term policy steps aimed at the decarbonisation of transport?
- How important is energy security in the short term for the decarbonisation policy for transport?
- To what extent can there be synergies between overcoming the current economic crisis and GHG reduction in transport? What are the main threats/challenges for achieving these?