

# **RESEARCH & INNOVATION** FOR EU TRANSPORT:

WHERE TO INVEST NOW FOR NET-ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2050

## Strategic importance of decarbonising Europe's transport sector:

- Transport is responsible for nearly 30 percent of Europe's carbon emissions, more than any other sector. Road transportation accounts for nearly three-quarters of this. As more people become more mobile, transport is the only EU sector where carbon emissions are rising and are above 1990 levels.
- ✓ 14.6 million people work in the transport sector in Europe (6.4% of the total employed in EU-28 countries). An àdditional 3% (6.8 million) work in transportation services.
- In 2015, the transport sector accounted for about 5% of EU GDP.

### Investments in innovation are key to decarbonising the transport sector

Innovation area Priority areas for innovation investments Development of shared mobility systems through focus on demand, lifestyles, choices, modes and technologies Integration of consumer behaviour data into low-carbon transport feasibility studies Light vehicle-based transportation systems, ports and short distance ships & planes Sustainable & renewable supply, comprising production, storage and use in aviation, heavy trucks & ships Low cost electrolysis technology Battery value chain, including new battery chemistries as well as the re-use and recycling of batteries Electricity grid enforcements on a spatially detailed level (i.e. distribution network) Smart integration of EVs and charging networks in the power grid Retail electric markets to help deploy more EVs

Croatian automotive company leverages EU R&I funding to shake up EV, battery markets



Founded in 2009 and jumpstarted by Horizon Europe SME funding, Rimac Automobili is a vertically integrated company selling its Made-in-Croatia electrical parts to much larger automotive companies

- Based outside Zagreb, it employs 550 workers.
- It builds electric vehicles with batteries that have a 650-kilometer range and can charge within a half-hour thanks to a 250-kilowatt fast-charging system.
- Recently, it received a second investment from Porsche, which now owns about 15.5% of the company. -
- In addition to its super cars and high-voltage batteries, the company also develops: 1
  - Electric powertrains
  - Digital interfaces between humans and machines Electric bikes with 100-kilometer ranges

- ✓ In 2017, EU transportation companies invested €58 billion in R&I.
- Europe imports 92 percent of the oil needed to fuel its transport sector — about €200 billion worth of oil for its cars, trucks, planes and ships.
- Transport pollution is causing the illness and premature deaths of hundreds of thousands of Europeans.
- Combining and aligning public research funding with private sector R&I investors, notably through challengebased missions such as net-zero carbon cities and transport systems, can enable the decarbonisation of the economy by 2050.

#### EU emissions by mode/style of transport



EU-28 national transport sector CO2 emissions (including international aviation) in 2015 Sources: European Commission, 2018; UNFCCC, 2017; European Environment Agency, 2018

#### **Commission "Clean Planet for All" strategy** scenarios for 2050 all transport fuel use Source: PRIMES, 2018



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1.5TECH: Combines all previous technologies relying heavily on the deployment of biomass and carbon capture and storage technologies 1.5LIFE: Relies less on technology options and more on changes in consumer preferences & lifestyles to achieve a fully circular economy "Note: Fuel consumption not to be confused with fleet composition .1.5 scenarios correspond to a 96% EU fleet share of zero-emission cars."



"To become the world's first climate-neutral continent, Europe must reduce emissions further and faster. Transport will be a central part of the European Green Deal." Ursula von der Leyen,

President-elect of the European Commission



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**ALIGNED POLICY ENVIRONMENT REQUIRED TO SCALE-UP INVESTMENTS** 

## **Net-zero** emissions **European transport** by 2050 is achievable

Electrification and electrofuels are essential to deliver a zero emissions transport sector by 2050. Therefore, the following technologies need to be prioritised:

## **Demand side** R&I priorities

Road Transport: Zero-mission vehicle technology

i.e. battery-electric & fuel

cell vehicles

- >>> Societal and business model innovation to grow e-mobility Increased uptake of low carbon alternatives and healthier
  - lifestyles;
  - Acceptance, security and good governance of automated vehicles, with more smart sensors, 3D HD maps, and advanced data-processing.
- >> Facilitate inter-modal shifts to lower emissions solutions and increase sharing and pooling:
  - Optimise transport demand and encourage soft mobility
  - modes (e.g. walking, cycling, clean buses, trains) Improved digital infrastructures, interconnectivity and interoperability for competitive logistics and supply chains; and
  - Big Data, Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence, and advanced satellite navigation services (Galileo/EGNOS).

Trains: Electrification of railways, hydrogen fuel cell locomotiv<u>es</u> Shipping: Battery-electric and green hydrogen/ ammonia-based propulsion systems, including fuel cells

Aviation: Breakthrough fuels, such as synthetic e-fuels produced from additional renewable electricity

Supply side R&I priorities

- Provide zero-emission mobility and logistics by developing:
  Clean road vehicles technologies, vehicle management systems, advanced and digital manufacturing technologies, and their infrastructure;
  - Systemic technologies to integrate clean vehicles and new system services;
  - Low-carbon and digital rail transport solutions that reduce congestion, improve energy security and innovate new ways to manufacture locomotives.
- Accelerate aviation decarbonisation technologies (eg. H2, electric & volocopters) and improve operational procedures.
- Deliver competitive and low carbon maritime solutions: Hybrid & full battery electric, fuel cell and low-carbon fuel
- propulsion; On-board renewable energy, improved vessel design, and
- automation; Floating ports using renewables and new capacity management for mega ships.

### **R&I** investments need an aligned policy environment to decarbonise transport

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Seas III has received €9 million in funding from the EU R&I programme Horizon 2020.



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