



SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Transport is of fundamental importance to society development because it provides mobility of the population and facilitates industry and trade. It directly impacts on economic development by playing a role of a link between producers on one hand and raw materials, labour market and consumers, on the other hand. With economic growth the volume of freight and the number of passengers transported increase and the necessity for transportation of products and services stimulates the economic activity. Therefore this sector is essential to competitiveness and employment.

The main social function of transport is to provide access to main services as health care, education, trade, tourism, sport and entertainment. The basic economic and social benefits of transport, which are difficult to balance against the high social and environmental costs, make transport a crucial sector for sustainable development.

Transport has a significant negative impact on the environment. It directly influences biodiversity. Emissions of pollutants from transport affect air quality and can damage plants and animals and thus could impact on human health.

One of the objectives of sustainable development is that meeting the needs for transport services should be accomplished with decreasing negative effects of the transport activities. The future sector development should be connected with achieving sustainable levels of energy consumption in transport, reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases and referring the transport activity to more efficient and environmentally friendly types of transport.

The indicators included in this theme are as follows:

- 1. Modernization of transport infrastructure, by type - key indicator**
2. Energy consumption of transport, by mode
3. Modal split of freight transport
4. Share of international carriages in railway transport
5. Share of electrical transport in urban public transport
6. Share of new registered and registered brand new vehicles
7. People killed in road accidents