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Programme for the promotion of Short Sea Shipping (SSS)

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SSS = safe and sustainable transport

European Commission White Paper on European Transport Policy for 2010 proposes a policy for the promotion of SSS

Transport Ministers of the EU Member States met in Gijón (2002), inviting the Commission to elaborate an Action Plan for SSS



REALISE Research Project expected results

- **Statistics:**
 - ***Electronic distance matrix for converting tonnes into ton-kms***
 - ***Origin-destination data door to door***
 - ***Feeder statistics***
 - ***Evolution of unitised cargo***
- **Comparative Emission study (is SSS more or less harmful to the environment than other modes?)**
- **Comparative Price study (is SSS cheaper or more expensive than other modes?)**



Shortsea Promotion Centres (SPCs)

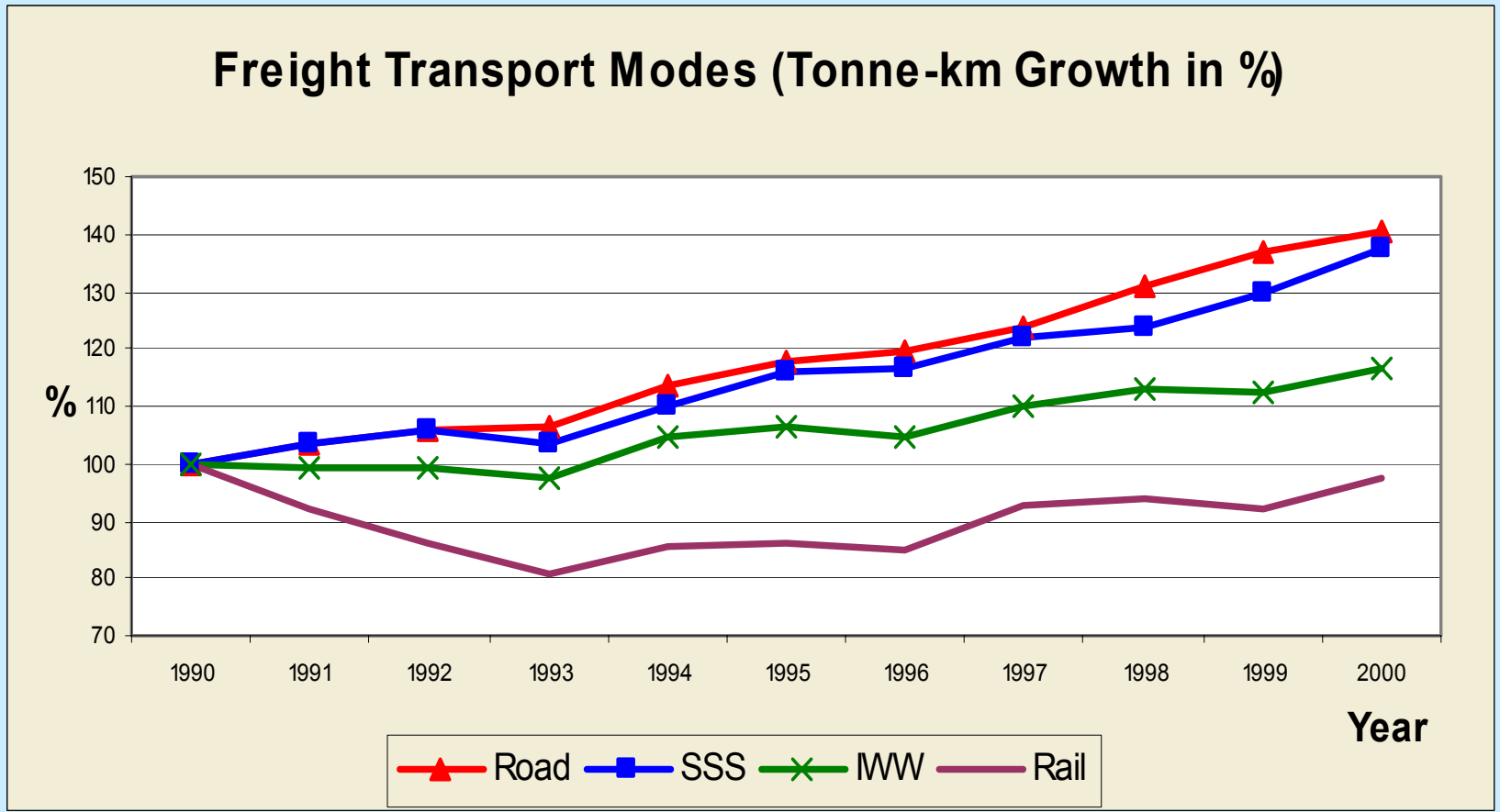
- ***SPCs already exist in:***

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| <i>Belgium (Flanders)</i> | <i>The Netherlands</i> |
| <i>Denmark</i> | <i>Portugal</i> |
| <i>Finland</i> | <i>Spain</i> |
| <i>France</i> | <i>Sweden</i> |
| <i>Germany</i> | <i>United Kingdom</i> |
| <i>Greece</i> | <i>Lithuania</i> |
| <i>Ireland</i> | <i>Norway</i> |
| <i>Italy</i> | <i>Poland</i> |

- ***SPCs objective: Practical promotion of Short Sea Shipping***



SSS is already a success story





But a number of problems still hamper SSS development

- **Insufficient integration in the intermodal chain**
- **Administrative complexity**
- **Lack of efficiency, flexibility and transparency in ports**



Actions to solve SSS development problems

- ***One-Stop commercial shops***
- ***IMO-FAL forms***
- ***Customs Guide***
- ***Port Services***
- ***Port Hinterland Connections***
- ***Loading Units***
- ***Marco Polo***
- ***Motorways of the Sea***





Marco Polo (1)

Main breakthroughs in comparison to the previous PACT programme:

- *All segments of SSS, rail and inland waterways will be co-funded*
- *Actions involving candidate and accession countries will be also supported*
- *Features quantified and verifiable modal shift objectives*





Marco Polo (2)

Three types of actions are proposed:

- ***Modal shift actions (start-up aid for new services)***
- ***Catalyst actions (that allow to tackle existing structural market barriers)***
- ***Common learning actions (useful in improving co-operation and sharing know-how)***



Motorways of the sea

Proposals by the Van Miert Group:

- *Motorway of the Baltic Sea*
- *Motorway of the Sea of Western Europe*
- *Motorway of the Sea of south-east Europe*
- *Motorway of the Sea of south-west Europe*



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