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A network access vision for heavy vehicles

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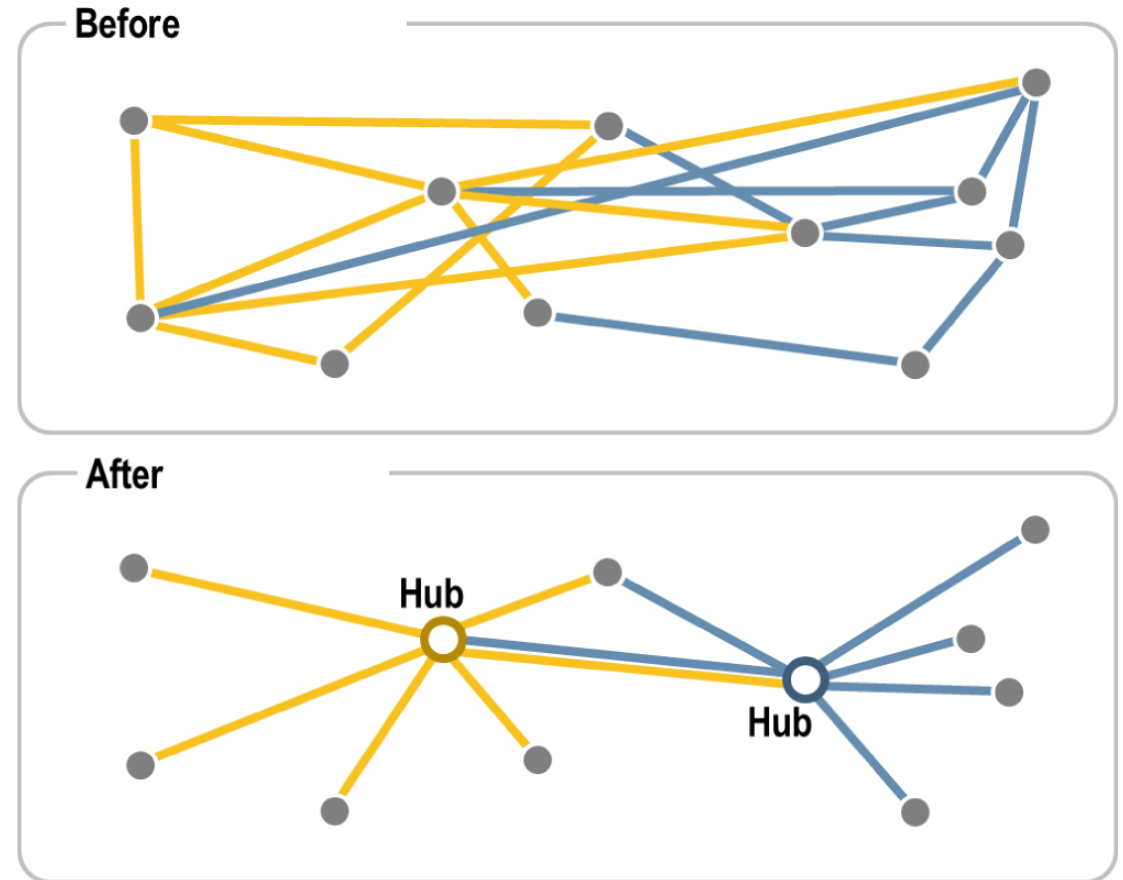
Introduction EMS2 involves a transition, because

- the road network is not designed for it (both in length and weight)
- conflicts with current exemption framework for abnormal loads
- higher loads require strict control on compliance



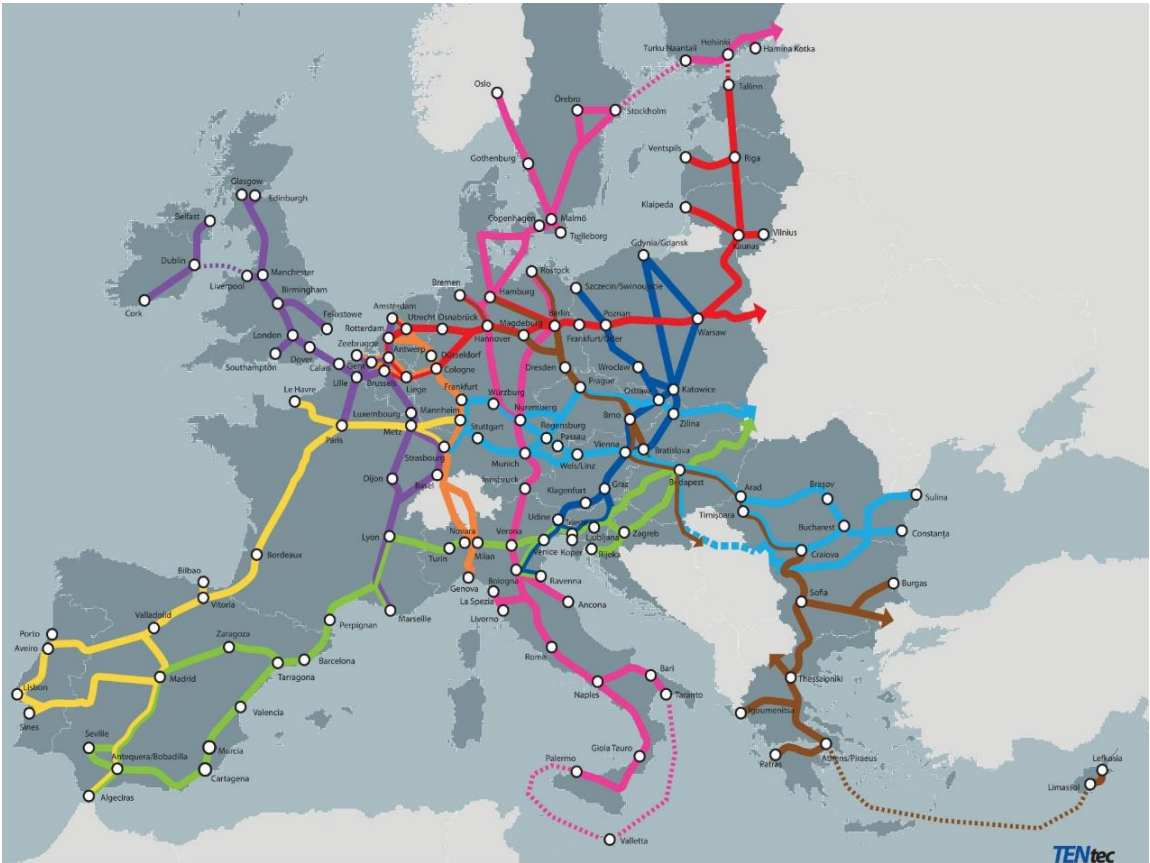
If the network is adjusted to an EMS2, then

- road safety is not negotiable (although 100% safe is not possible)
- the CO₂ reduction achieved must legitimize the investments
- the transport system as a whole must become more sustainable and robust





Requires a network vision



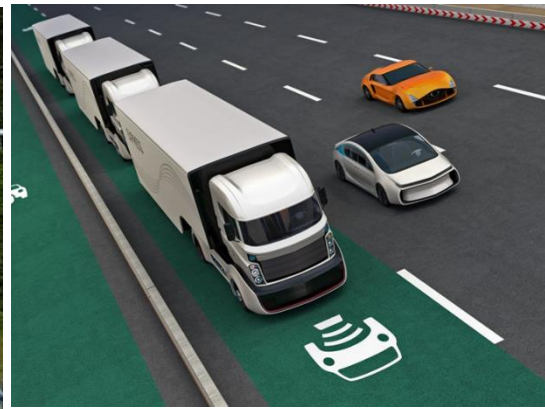


The use of the road by trucks will change

- Expected growth of road freight transport 6-30% up to 2040

Freight transport by road increased by 6-8% in the period 2014-2018, while other modes have not experienced any growth over the same period.

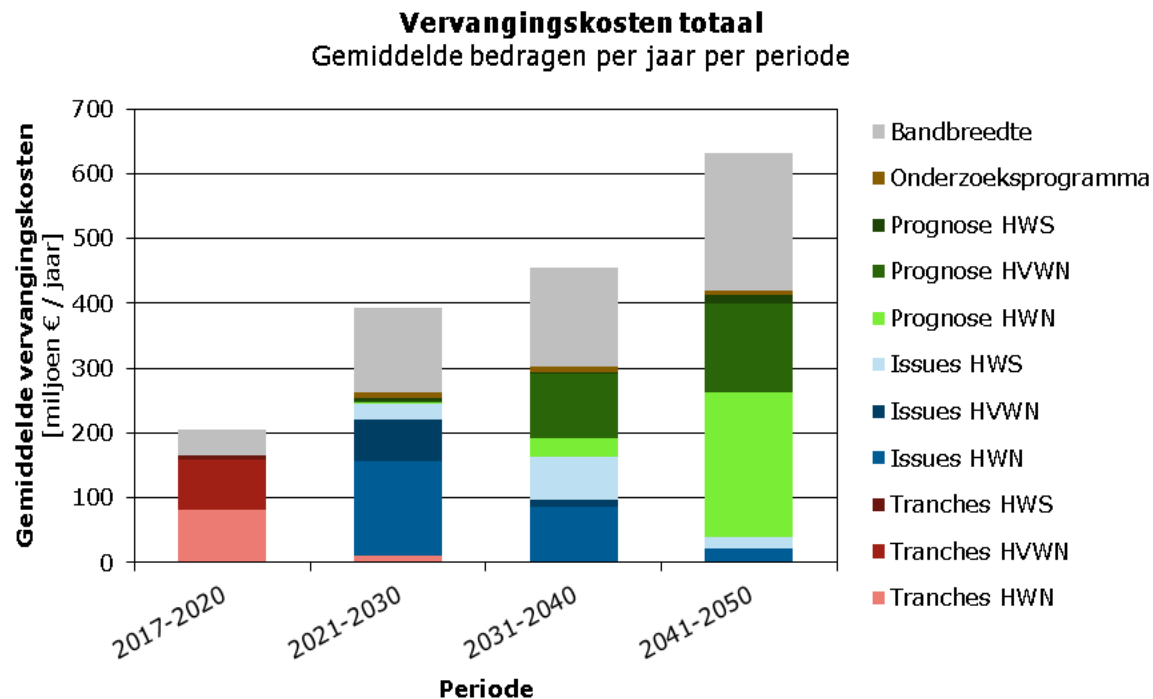
- More restrictions on local level, can lead to inefficiency at the macro level
- Higher average weight of trucks, other freight vehicle concepts







Infrastructure investments under pressure



- Ageing infrastructure, maintenance costs are increasing considerably
- Reliability decreases (structure failures cannot rule out, more road works)

How can we keep the future infrastructure affordable?



Ways of thinking ...

- Exemptions or permits?
- Classifications of roads?
- Hubs to support grouping of goods?
- PBS / vehicle enveloppes for all heavy transport?
- Dynamic control (IA)?





Questions network development strategy

1. How to deal with weak links in the road network in relation to EMS2?
2. Have other countries adjusted their network development strategy for HCVs, and if so, how?
3. How does the national network development strategy link the network opened up for HCVs to the spatial planning of logistics (hub and spoke)?
4. Have other countries classified their road network, and if so, based on what criteria?
5. Are there special hubs planned for EMS2 vehicles?
6. What interventions (constructive, functionalities, services) are necessary to make roads suitable for EMS2?
7. What is the expectation in other countries regarding the development of the truck fleet when it comes to the load on the infrastructure (weights)?



Questions road network access

1. Which requirements regarding access to the public highway must be met by the EMS2? Comparing to other HCVs?
2. To what extent is access to the public road dynamic, and if not, is this being considered?
3. To what extent is the type approval performance based?
4. What are the conflicts between abnormal loads and HCVs?
5. How are countries deal with these conflicts?
6. How did the stakeholder process regarding these conflicts look like?



Traffic situations with a possible risk

- Entries and exits, in particular tapers and short entries
- Weaving points
- Rush hour lanes
- Falling lanes on the right
- Dimensioned bridge
- Tunnels
- Road works

