Sustainable Transport for Equity and Growth

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Outline – Five Keys

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Key Remarks

- ➤ The European Union has set clear targets, roadmaps, and budgets for the transformation towards sustainable transport
- ➤ Greece follows EU directions, however with limited efficiency due to lack of sustainable mobility culture and inefficient engagement
- Fundamental changes in mobility patterns are needed, both on infrastructure and management, with respective budgets
- Changing mobility culture starts with sincere engagement of the Authorities then comes shared responsibility



Key Sustainable Transport Challenges

➤ Need for a new sustainable mobility culture society, politicians, Authorities, private sector, scientists, media

- Redistribution of public space too much car-centered
- New traffic & parking management policies less street parking, more active mobility, managing speeding
- Public transport needs full priority infrastructure and management
- Promotion of Mobility as a Service digital platforms & technologies
- Efficient implementation enforcement & technical non-restrictive measures



Key Governance Weaknesses

- ➤ Lack of a modern sustainable transport strategic plan
 - vision & action plans
- > Weak competency and efficiency of the Authorities
 - people & procedures
- Strong resistance to change
 - Authorities & society
- > Absence of monitoring and accountability
 - data & communication





Key Priorities

- > Develop comprehensive and daring plans
- > Set quantitative targets and concrete roadmaps
- Modernize legislation
- ➤ Improve implementation efficiency
- > Dedicate serious multi-annual budget lines
- > Exploit technology and digital governance
- Continuous monitoring and accountability
- ➤ Robust communication policy





Key Opportunities for sustainable transport

- > Clear EU sustainable transport directions
 - with tools from theory to practice
- ➤ Significant available resources
 - EU and national funds
- ➤ New technology tools are available
 - platforms, high-end technologies
- Sufficient Know-how
 - skilled national and international scientific community





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