



Ministerie van Infrastructuur
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An agenda for International Rail Passenger Transport

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In 2017, fuel combustion across all transport modes was responsible for 25% of all EU-28 greenhouse gas emissions.

If the European Union aims to achieve climate neutrality by 2050, a 90% reduction in transport emissions is required.



The last chance

People plan to fly and drive more post-Covid, climate poll shows

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People are planning to drive and fly more

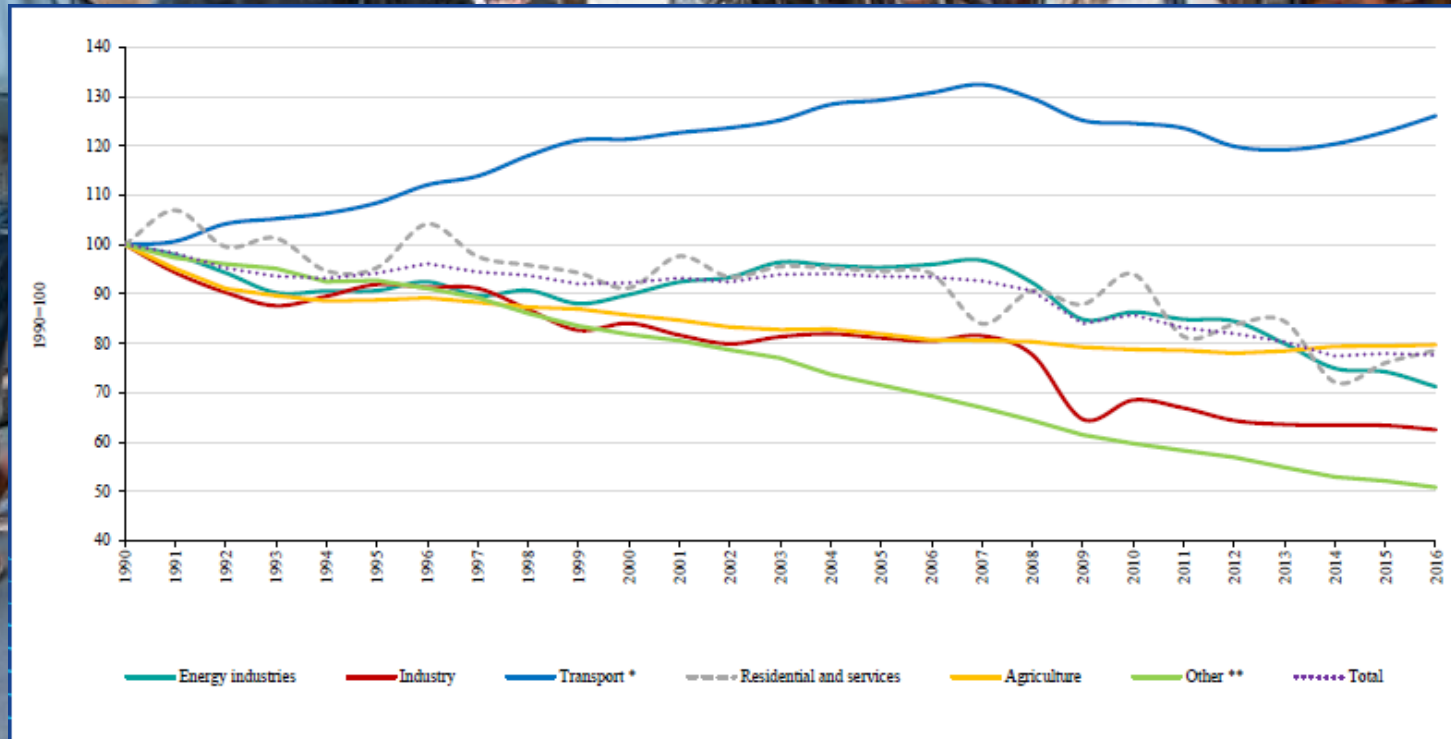
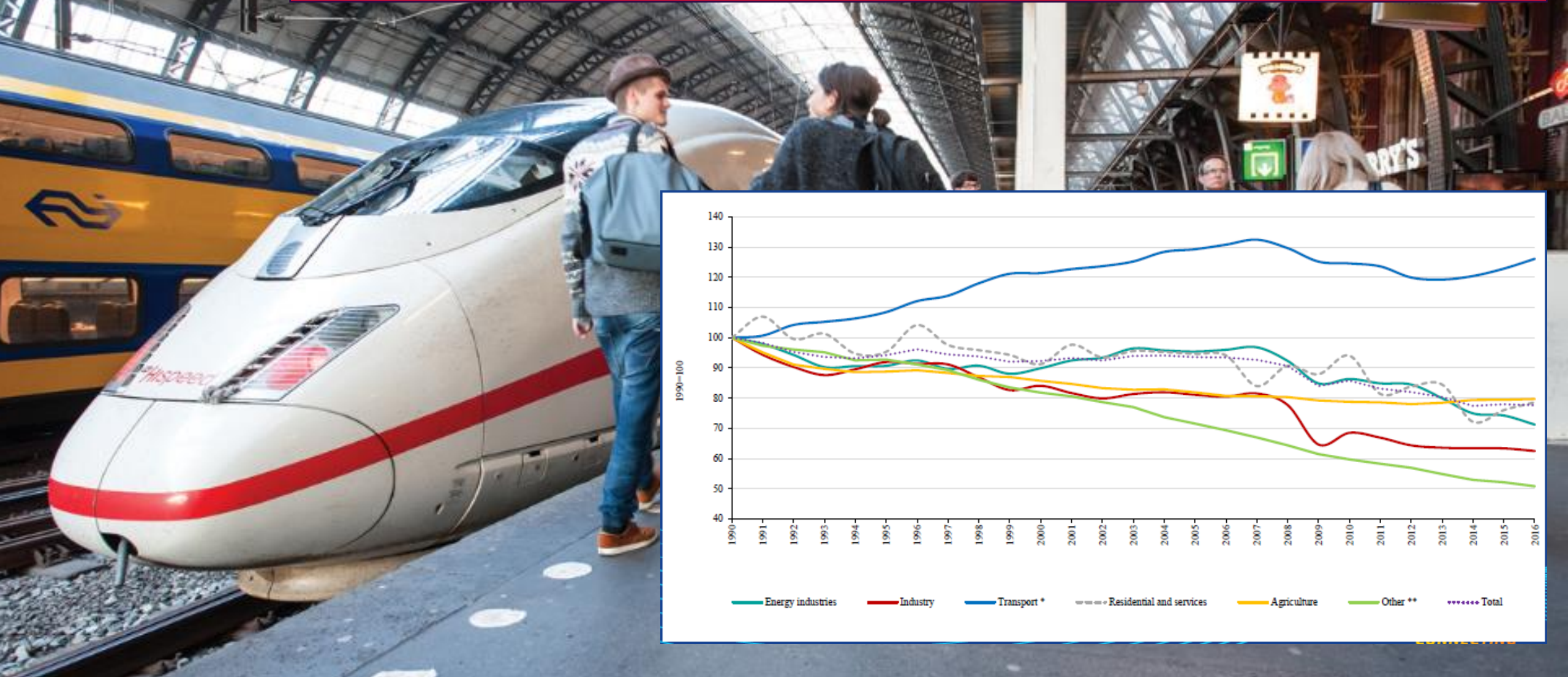
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On distances up to 800 kilometres and potentially even further, rail travel has the potential to drive down total CO2 emissions by 2 to 8 million tonnes for each year.



Appendix B: Top 10 intra-EU relationships with highest potential CO2 emission savings with the medium substitution factor

	Number of passengers	CO2 emissions [kg]	CO2 savings [kg]
<i>London – Amsterdam</i>	6,029,462	364,179,521	193,380,121
<i>London – Paris</i>	3,535,837	200,835,569	117,692,460
<i>Lisbon – Madrid</i>	2,639,444	209,307,926	106,193,640
<i>Düsseldorf – London</i>	2,046,603	151,653,341	64,339,426
<i>Stockholm – Copenhagen</i>	2,027,682	138,085,150	53,494,908
<i>Amsterdam – Paris</i>	1,568,314	93,785,187	52,626,703
<i>Frankfurt – London</i>	2,437,879	209,413,854	51,928,226
<i>Vienna – Frankfurt</i>	2,126,201	164,780,600	45,455,144
<i>Paris – Frankfurt</i>	1,419,750	108,185,024	44,352,780
<i>Amsterdam – Frankfurt</i>	905,561	63,208,158	42,265,352





Ministers declaration 4 June 2020 on developing international rail passenger transport

- > International rail passenger transport not living up to its potential
- > UN SDG's on resilient infrastructures, sustainable cities and climate action

- > Ministers considered the need to :
 - Include international rail passenger transport in the EU Green Deal agenda;
 - Work together in a Platform of Member States in close cooperation with EU and railway sector mirror group



Follow up of the Ministers declaration

- > German EU presidency, presentation TEE concept. 21 September 2020
- > European Commission workprogram 2021
- > Platform. Prepare analysis and political recommendations on 4 areas:
 - Passenger experience;
 - Passenger network;
 - Green Deal, including infrastructure;
 - Regulatory framework
- > Working together closely with sector mirror group



Create common International rail passengers transport agenda



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More information

- > [Ministers declaration on international rail passenger transport 4 June 2020:](#)
 - <https://www.permanentrepresentations.nl/permanent-representations/pr-eu-brussels/documents/publications/2020/06/04/political-statement-for-coalition-of-the-willing-development-international-rail-passenger-transport?s=09>
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