



Study on the costs and benefits of the sustainable urban mobility transition in Europe

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Transition study: research questions & scope

Research questions:

- How much will the transition to sustainable urban mobility cost to cities?
- What are its costs and benefits, including the monetization of all externalities?
- What range of costs can be identified according to city variables?
- What are the most cost-efficient measures to accelerate sustainable urban mobility?
- For different types of measures, what are the investments needed?

Scope: 779 EU cities with more than 50,000 inhabitants

Main takeaways of the study

€86bn extra investments needed compared to business-as-usual scenario by 2030, €150bn by 2050. These lead to net benefits of up to €177bn by 2030, €698bn by 2050

Each euro invested in the transition can generate up to €3,06 by 2030, and up to €5,66 by 2050

Meeting the 2030 Green Deal target requires **ambitious reduction of private motorised transport** on top of EV uptake

The most ambitious transition scenario (-44% in car ownership between 2019 and 2050) **reduces urban fatalities by 63% in 2050**

By 2030 **Pricing Schemes** are the most effective measures in small and medium cities, while **Innovative Services** is the better choice for large cities

By 2050, **Innovative Services** and **Shared Mobility and Demand Management** are the most profitable groups in medium and large cities.



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How is our study relevant for cities?

Transition pathways to zero-emission mobility in cities

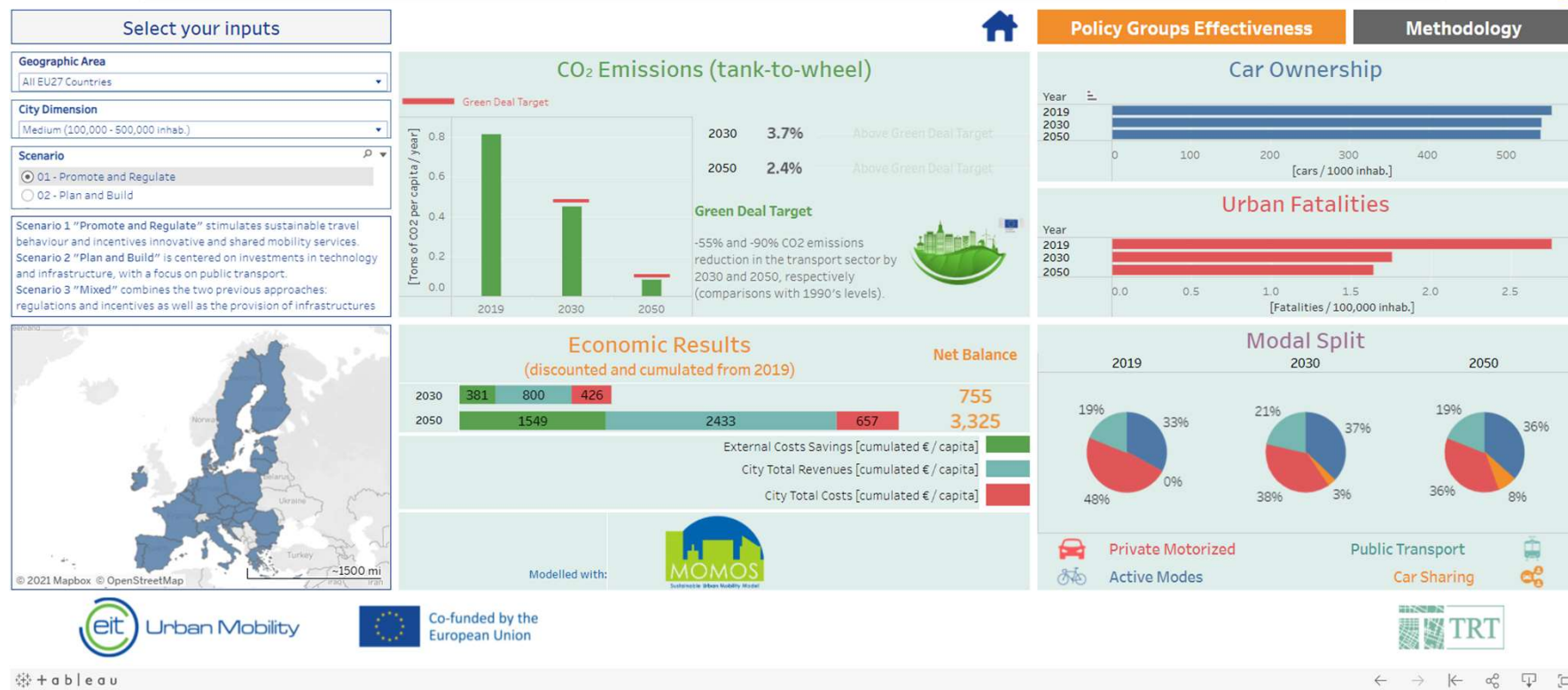
Cost-benefit analysis of different urban mobility measures

Leverage for more investments in sustainable urban mobility

Differentiated outputs by city size and geographic area

Explore the results with our interactive tool

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Study methodology and results



Methodology – City prototypes

Three scenarios have been applied to **12 City Prototypes**, to take into account differences among cities in their dimension and geographic area

The model's output (indicators) have been **generalized at the EU27 level** (779 cities)

Characteristics and transport parameters of each City Prototype have been defined using 30 **reference cities**:

	Southern Europe	Central Europe	Northern Europe	Eastern Europe
Small City	Alessandria (IT) Faro (PT) Zadar (HR)	Klagenfurt (AT) La Rochelle (FR) Leuven (BE)	Galway (IR) Lahti (FI)	Daugavpils (LV) Tartu (EE) Zilina (SK)
Medium City	Perugia (IT) Ljubljana (SI)	Bielefeld (DE) Eindhoven (NL)	Uppsala (SE) Oulu (FI)	Gdynia (PL) Klaipeda (LT) Szeged (HU) Timisoara (RO)
Large City	Athens (EL) Barcelona (ES)	Bordeaux (FR) Munich (DE)	Copenhagen (DK) Dublin (IR) Göteborg (SE)	Prague (CZ) Sofia (BG)

Methodology – City Input data

40+ variables collected from the 30 reference cities (direct or estimation)



Group	Input data	Description	Sources
	Average Income	Average income of the city population	National Statistics Database, EUROSTAT
	Economy	Economy city type, representing the relevance of industrial sector for the city in terms of employees working in manufacturing, construction and public utilities	European Commission Report ¹¹
Urban Mobility Characteristics	Motorization Rate	Number of private cars per capita	ACEA Report on Vehicles in use ¹²
	Motorization Rate Change	Annual growth of the motorization rate	ACEA Report on Vehicles in use
	Modal Split	Modal split with respect to the urban area only (walk, bike, car, motorbike, bus, tram, metro)	TEMS - The EPOMM modal split tool ¹³ , JRC mobility survey 2018
	Modal Split Change	Modal split trend over time in absence of policy activation	Assumption of business-as-usual trend
	Congestion Level	Qualitative description of road congestion in the city (significant, only during rush hour, negligible)	TOM TOM index, Google Maps Traffic Layer
	Incoming Trips	Share of incoming trips in the urban area, with respect to the total amount of trips within the area	Assumptions based on available city planning documents
	Modal Split of the Incoming Trips	Modal Split of the incoming trips into the urban area (private car, bus, train)	Assumptions based on available city planning documents
	Freight Vehicles Rate	Share of freight vehicles with respect to the total vehicles (freight and cars) travelling in the urban area	Assumptions based on selected traffic counts and available city planning documents
	Freight Vehicles Rate Change	Annual change in the share of freight vehicles with respect to total vehicles travelling in the area	Assumptions based on selected traffic counts in a business-as-usual configuration
Public Transport Characteristics	Ticket price	Ticket price for monthly passes and single tickets	Public Transport Operators Reports and Official Websites

Group	Input data	Description	Sources
Urban Characteristics	Population	Population of the city	National Statistics Database
	Population Structure	Age distribution of the city population	National Statistics Database
	Population Growth	Expected trend of the population growth	European Commission, JRC projections ¹⁰
	Population Distribution	Population distribution between city centre and outskirts	National Statistics Database
	Urban Growth	Population shifts between city centre and outskirts	National Statistics Database, EUROSTAT

Group	Input data	Description	Sources
	Cost	Implementation and management costs for public transport operators	Public Transport Operators Reports
	Network	Length of the network	Public Transport Operators Reports
	Average Speed	Average speed of the vehicles	Public Transport Operators Reports
	Transport Service Offer	Annual vehicle-kilometre	Public Transport Operators Reports
	Bus Vehicle Fleet	Composition of the fleet, with respect to the fuel type	ACEA Report on Vehicles in use
Park & Ride	Parking Capacity	Number of parking lots	Public Transport Operators Reports
	Network Extension	Length of the public transport routes connected with P&R park	
	Public Transport Frequency	Frequency of Park & Ride connection service	
	Tariff	Tariff for single use or subscription related to parking only (the cost of using PT not considered)	
Infrastructure and Traffic Management	Paid Parking	Number of paid parking lots in the urban area	City Annual Reports
	Parking Price	Average hourly parking price	Public Transport Operators
	Public Transport Reserved Lane	Length of the public transport reserved lanes	Public Transport Operators
	Bike Lane	Length of the bike lanes in the urban area	City Annual Reports
	Electric Charging Stations	Number of electric charging stations	City Annual Reports
	Hydrogen Charging Station	Number of hydrogen filling stations	City Annual Reports
Car Sharing	Subscribers	Number of subscribers	Carsharing Providers Official Websites
	Type	Station Based or Free-Floating service	
	Tariff	Fixed and hourly average tariff	
Bike Sharing	Vehicle Fleet	Number of car sharing vehicles	Bike Sharing Providers Official Websites
	Electric Fleet	Number of bicycles of the bike Sharing service	
	Tariff	Share of electric bicycles in the fleet	
Vehicle Access Regulation	Limited Traffic Zone	Qualitative quantification of the share of urban area under Limited Traffic Zone	urbanaccessregulation.eu, City Annual Reports
	Pedestrian Areas	Qualitative quantification of the share of urban area with pedestrian areas	
Traffic Calming Measures	Traffic Calming Area	Share of the urban area under 30 km/h speed limit	City Annual Reports
Road vehicle fleet composition	Vehicle fleet	Vehicle fleet composition by fuel type and emission standard (for conventional fuels) for private cars, car sharing cars, Light Duty Vehicles and Heavy Goods Vehicles. It is	ACEA Report on Vehicles in use, National Statistics Database

Methodology – Policy measures in the model

29 policy measures, belonging to 6 policy groups, have been implemented within the study:

Policy Group	Policy Measure	Policy Group	Policy Measure
Shared Mobility and Demand Management	Sustainable travel information and promotion (behaviour)	Transport Infrastructure	Bus network and facilities
	Mobility as a Service (MaaS)		Tram network and facilities
	Bike sharing		Walking and cycling networks and facilities
	Micro mobility		Park and ride (multimodal mobility hubs)
	Carsharing		Metro network facilities and light rail
	Delivery and servicing plan		Urban Delivery Centres and city logistics facilities
	Teleworking		Legal and regulatory framework of urban freight transport
Innovative Services	Autonomous vehicles	Traffic management and control	Legal and regulatory framework of new mobility services
	Demand-responsive transport (DRT)		Prioritizing Public Transport
	Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)		Access regulation and road and parking space reallocation
Green Public Transport and Logistics Fleets & Charging Infrastructure	Electric energy refuelling infrastructure		Traffic calming measures
	Hydrogen energy refuelling infrastructure		Pedestrian Areas
	Green public fleet		
	Green logistics fleet		
Pricing Schemes	Congestion and pollution charging		
	Parking pricing		
	Public transport integrated ticketing and tariff schemes		

Methodology – Policy scenarios/pathways

Pathway 1

Promote & Regulate

- More sustainable travel **behaviour** through information, regulations, and promotion
- **Incentivization** of innovative and shared mobility services
- **Short/medium** term

Pathway 2

Plan & Build

- Focused on **investments** in technology and infrastructure
- Change of the **urban environment**, with focus on public transport.
- **Long** term and more ambitious strategy

Pathway 3

Mixed

- **Mix** between the two previous approaches
- Regulations and **behavioural** incentives as well as the provision of **infrastructures** and services
- **Medium** term

Methodology – Policy measures and pathways

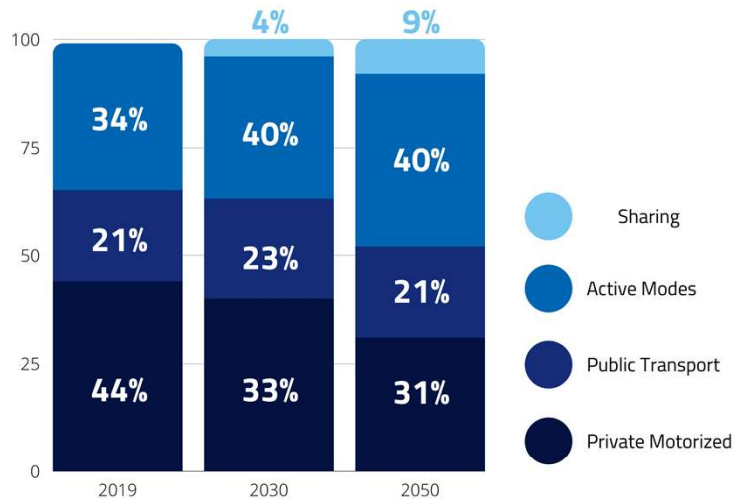
Annex 1: List of policy measures associated to each scenario

Policy Group	Policy Measure	S01: Promote and Regulate	S02: Plan and Build	S03: Mixed
Shared Mobility and Demand Management	Sustainable travel information and promotion (behaviour)	X		X
	Mobility as a Service (MaaS)	X		X
	Bike sharing	X		X
	Micro mobility	X		X
	Carsharing	X		X
	Delivery and servicing plan	X		X
Innovative Services	Teleworking	X		X
	Autonomous vehicles		X	X
	Demand-responsive transport (DRT)		X	X
Green Public Transport and Logistics Fleets & Charging Infrastructure	Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)		X	X
	Electric energy refuelling infrastructure	X	X	X
	Hydrogen energy refuelling infrastructure	X	X	X
	Green public fleet	X	X	X
Pricing Schemes	Green logistics fleet	X	X	X
	Congestion and pollution charging	X		X
	Parking pricing	X		X
Transport Infrastructure	Public transport integrated ticketing and tariff schemes	X		X
	Bus network and facilities		X	X
	Tram network and facilities		X	
	Walking and cycling networks and facilities		X	X
	Park and ride (multimodal mobility hubs)		X	X
	Metro network facilities and light rail		X	
	Urban Delivery Centres and city logistics facilities		X	X
Traffic management and control	Legal and regulatory framework of urban freight transport	X		X
	Legal and regulatory framework of new mobility services	X		X
	Prioritizing Public Transport		X	
	Access regulation and street space reallocation	X		X
	Traffic calming measures	X		X
	Pedestrian Areas	X		X

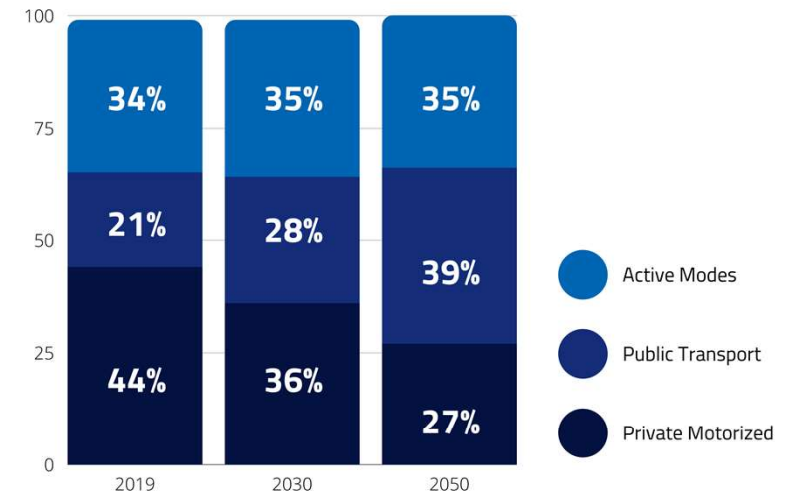
Results - EU27 Context – Aggregated Modal Split



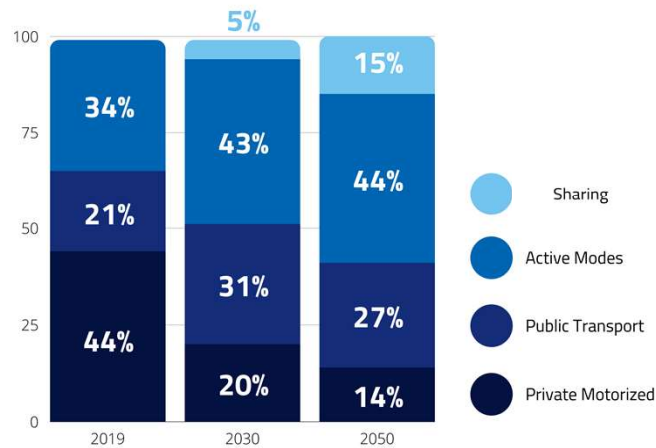
Modal Split: Promote and Regulate (S01)



Modal Split: Plan and Build (S02)



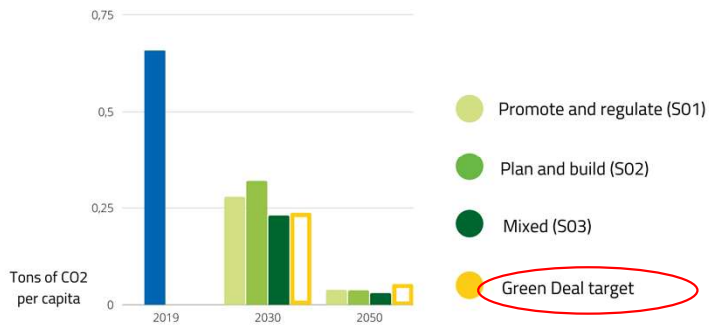
Modal Split: Mixed (S03)



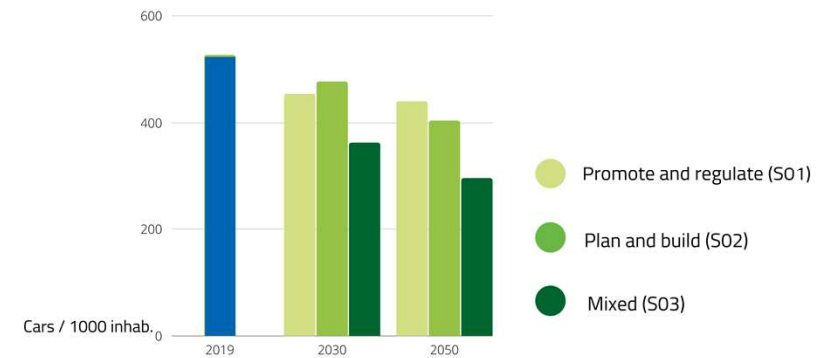
Results - EU27 Context – Car ownership, Fatalities, CO₂ Emissions



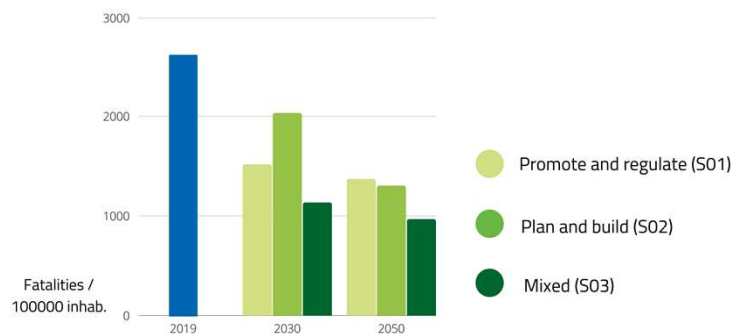
Emissions of CO2



Car Ownership

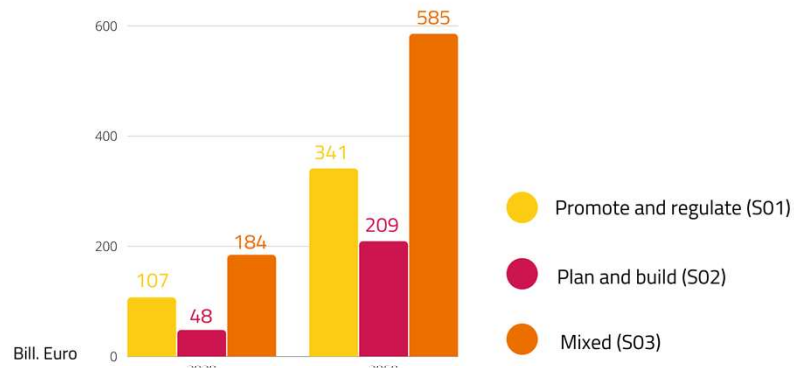


Fatalities

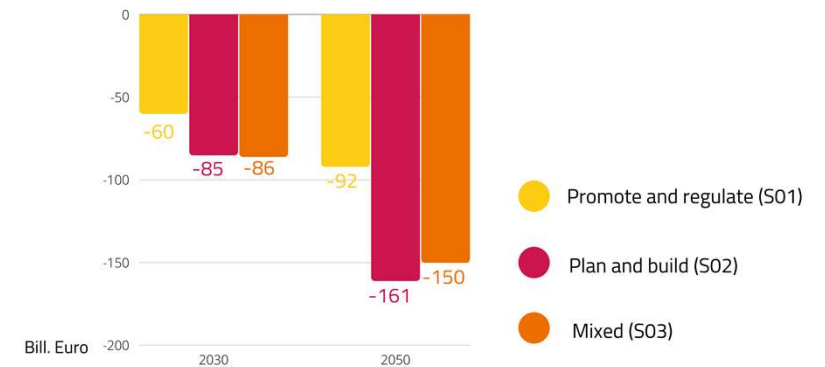


Results - EU27 Context – Economic Outputs

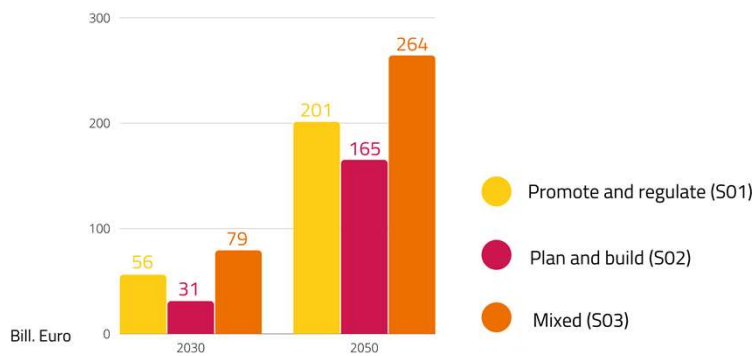
City Total Revenues (discounted, cumulated from 2019)



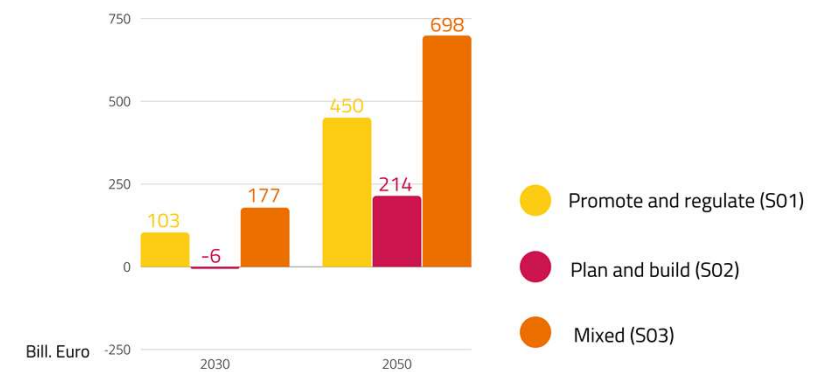
City Total Costs (discounted, cumulated from 2019)



City Total Savings (discounted, cumulated from 2019)



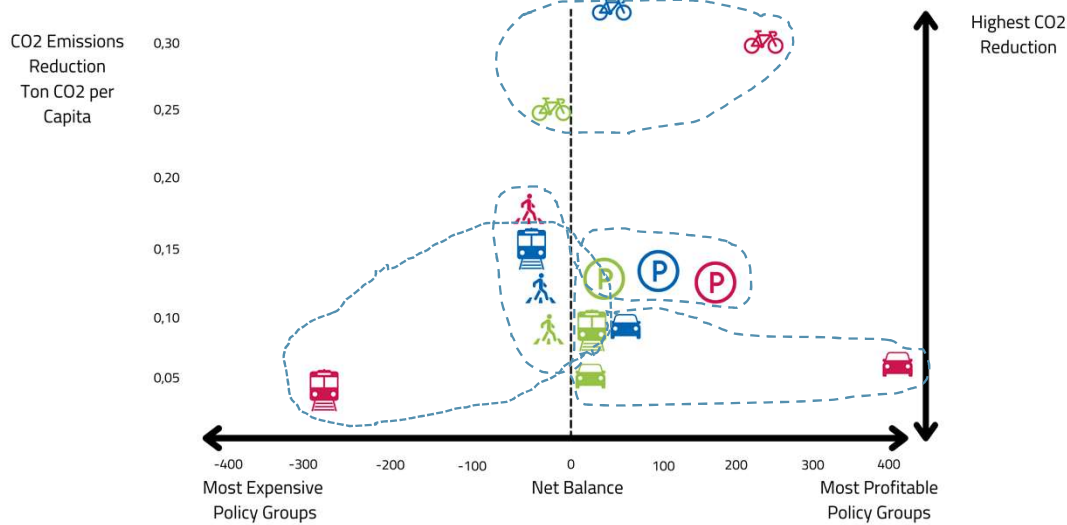
Net Balance (discounted, cumulated from 2019)



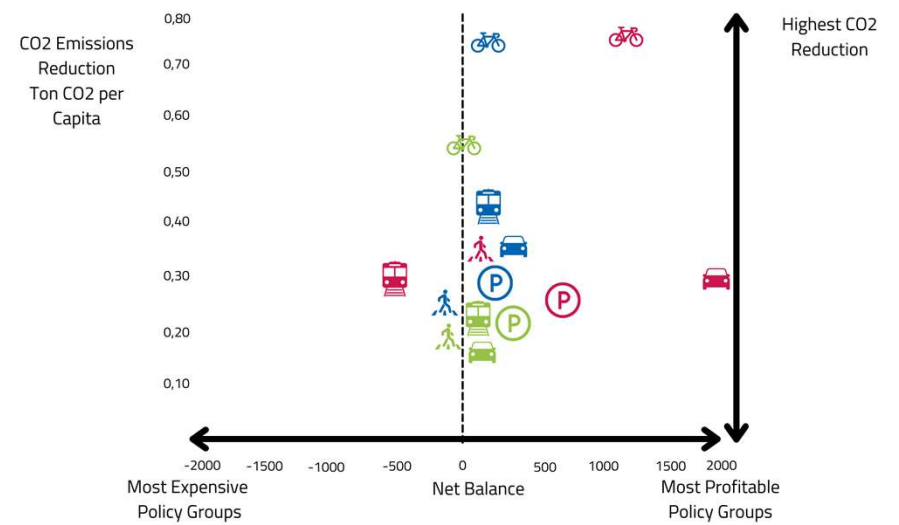
Results - Policy Measures Effectiveness



Policy Groups Effectiveness - 2030



Policy Groups Effectiveness - 2050



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- Pricing Schemes
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