

THE COMBINED/INTERMODAL TRANSPORT IN POLAND IN 1993-2009

Summary

When the transport system in Poland has to be developed in accordance with the principles of the sustainable development and the principles of the sustainable moving, it is necessary to implement the complex means to promote the combine transport in Poland.

The creation of the complex and coherent packages covering the organization, administrative and finance-economical instruments promoting the development of the combined/inter-modal transport seems to be expedient and justifiable.

There is a need to stress here that the promoting of the combined transport brings together the measurable social benefits in the macro scale. The dislocation of a part of international road carriages for the combined/intermodal transport may have an essential influence on the reduction of the negative external results of the road transport to a natural environment and health and life of people. The "net" benefits (i.e. reduction of external transport costs) origin from shifting of 1 mln tones from the road transport into the railway-road inter-modal transport (in the carriages for a distance of 1000 km), i.e. considering the lost values of the budget incomes can be estimated for 69 mln PLN.

Until the full internalization of the external (transport) costs is executed, the strategic connections in the transport system shall be financially supported by the state, however this support should be relied on the covering of a difference between the costs and incomes at the beginning phase of new and strategic connections to be implemented basic on the projects represented by transport operators and accepted in terms of the opportunities to grant a donation.

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