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Dynamic Pricing for Traffic Management and Environmental Sustainability

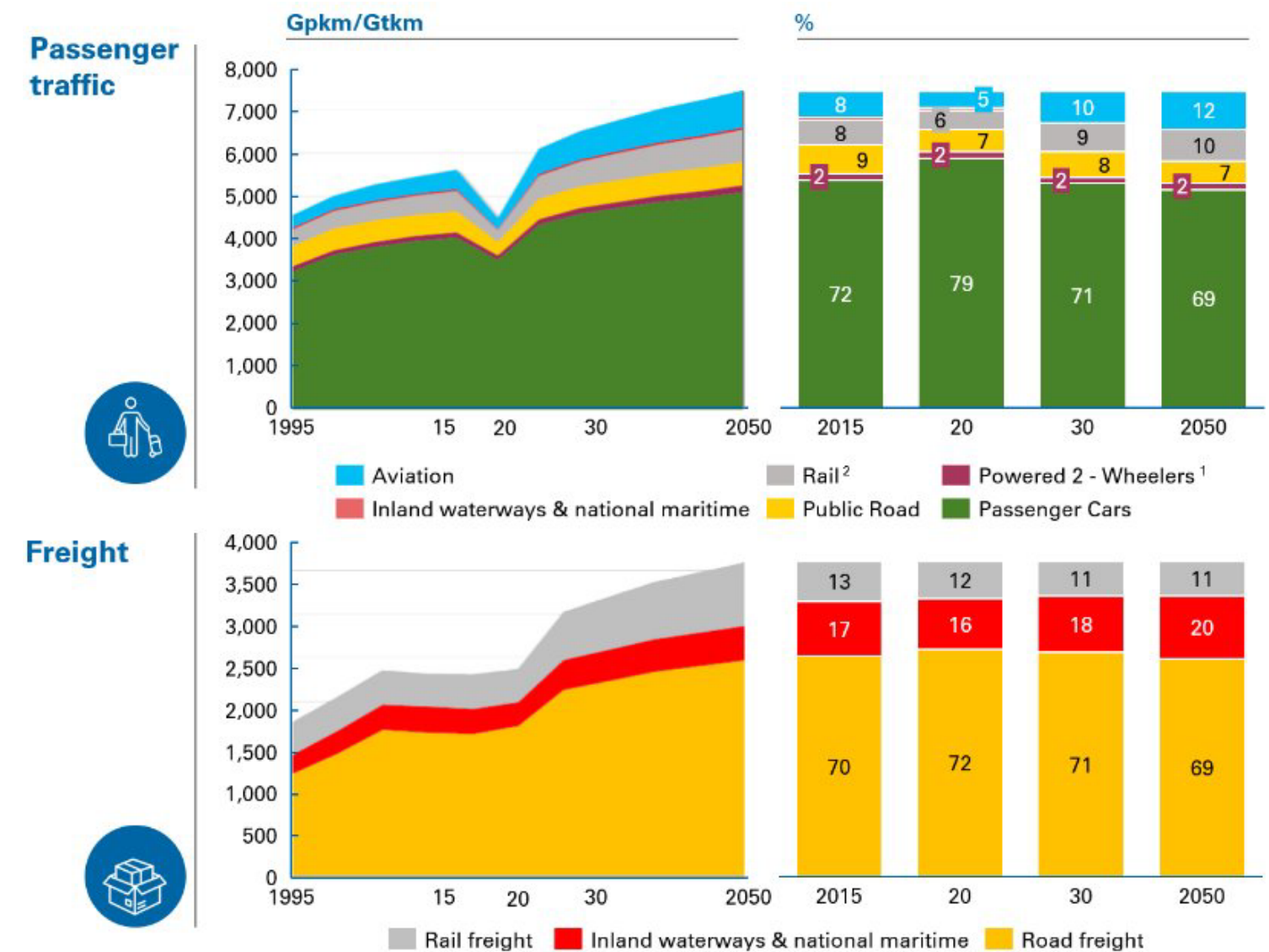
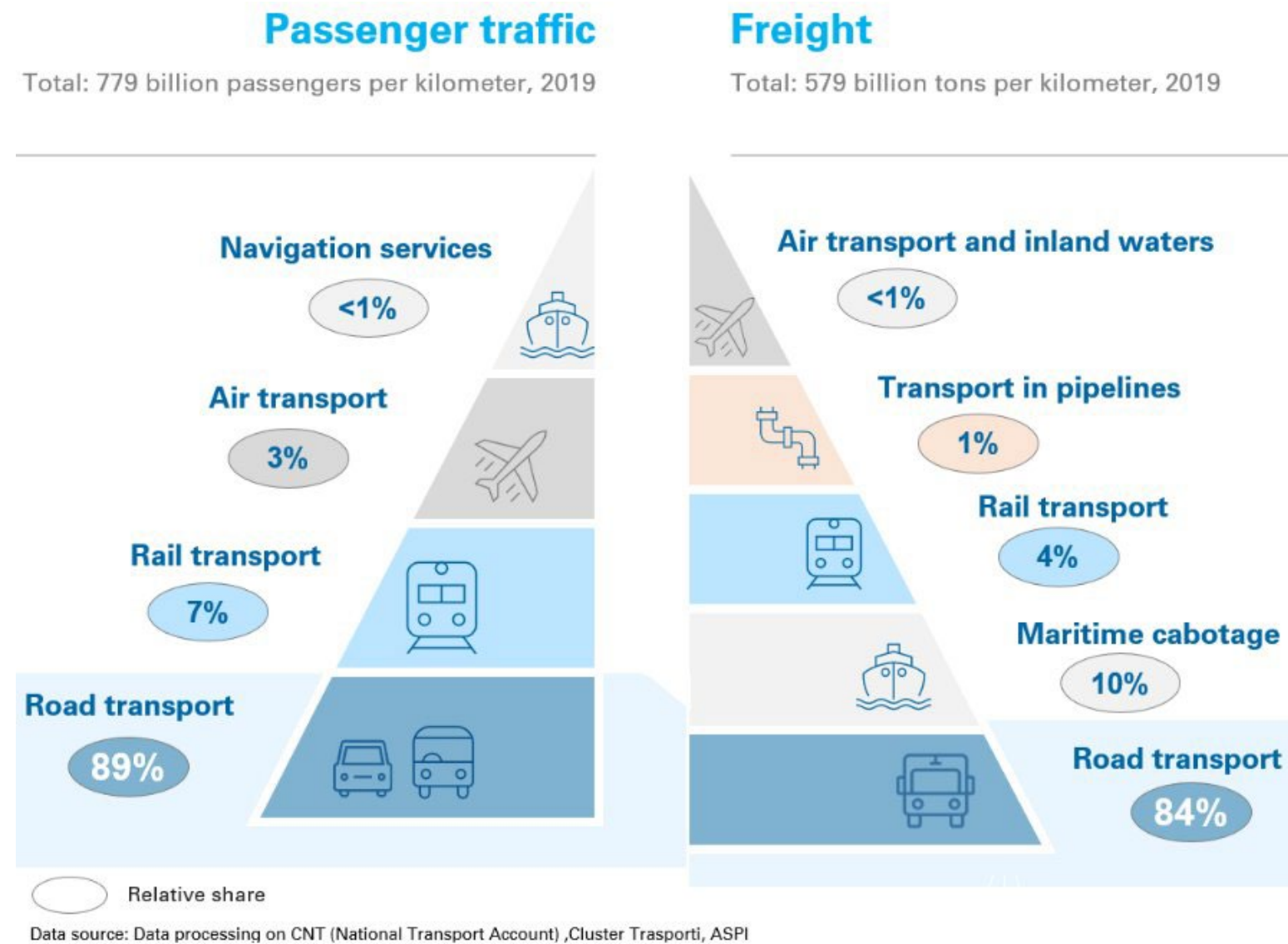
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Current and prospective centrality of road transport

Road and motorway infrastructure in Italy serves ~90% of passenger traffic and ~85% of freight transport in Italy

In the EU transport system, mobility is expected to grow, with a relative share for road transport in 2050 still above 70%



Autostrade per l'Italia's role



4° **Country in Europe for mileage extension** after Spain, Germany and France (~3 thousand km network out of ~7 thousand km of motorways in Italy).

↑ **Per km of bridges equal to 14% on km extension vs a European average 2.6%** (4.140 bridges and viaducts, of which 2.062 with L>10m).

↑ **By number of tunnels, owning 50% (~500km) compared to the European countries examined.**

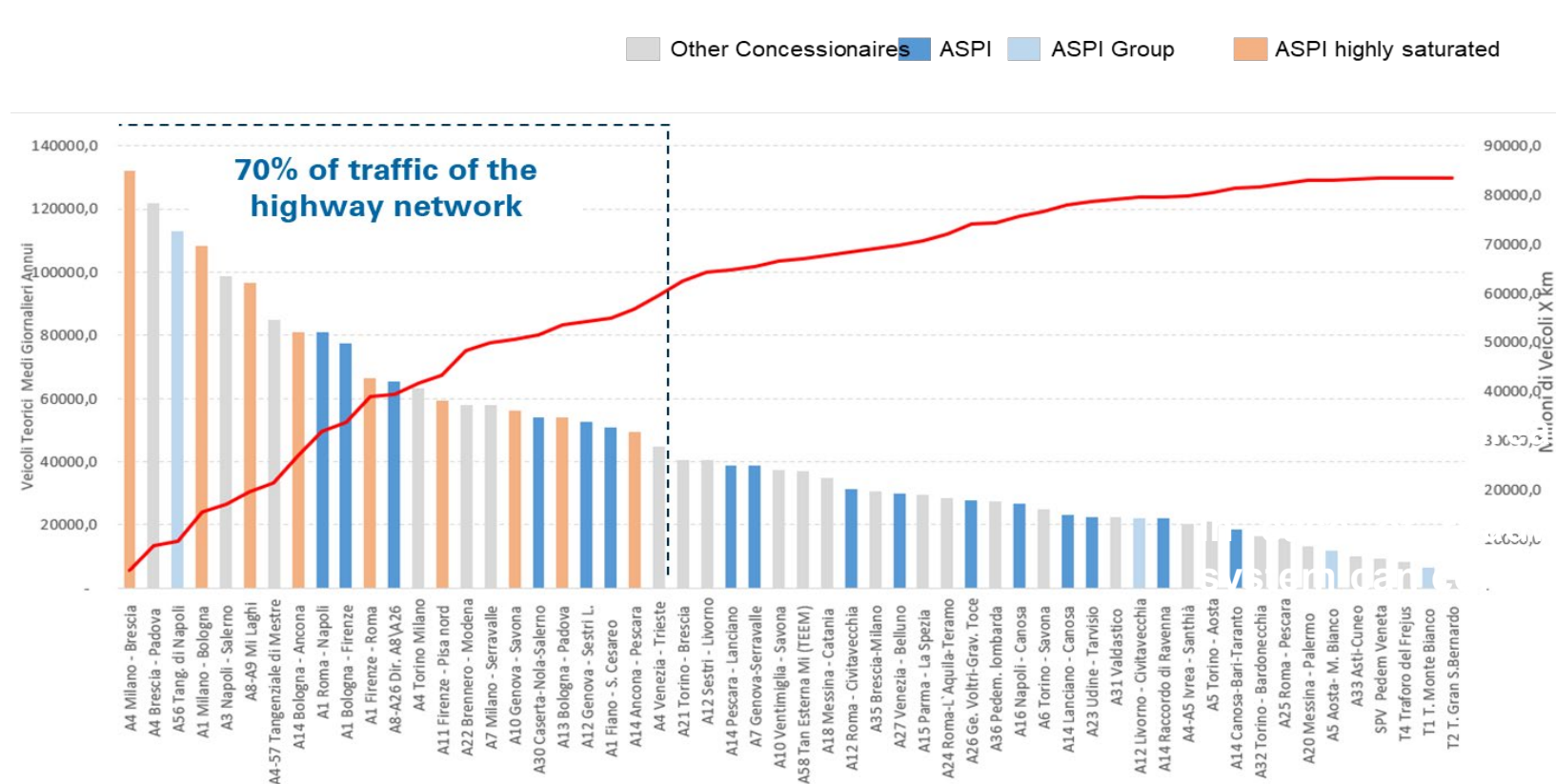
↑ **By age: 85% of the network built by the '70s**, while other nations reach this situation not before the '90s-2000s.

↑ **Country by motorway traffic vs average* of other EU countries:**

1. 40k ADTV* in Italy vs 30k in France and 20k in Spain.
2. 10k ADTV goods in Italy vs 5k in France and 1k in Germany.

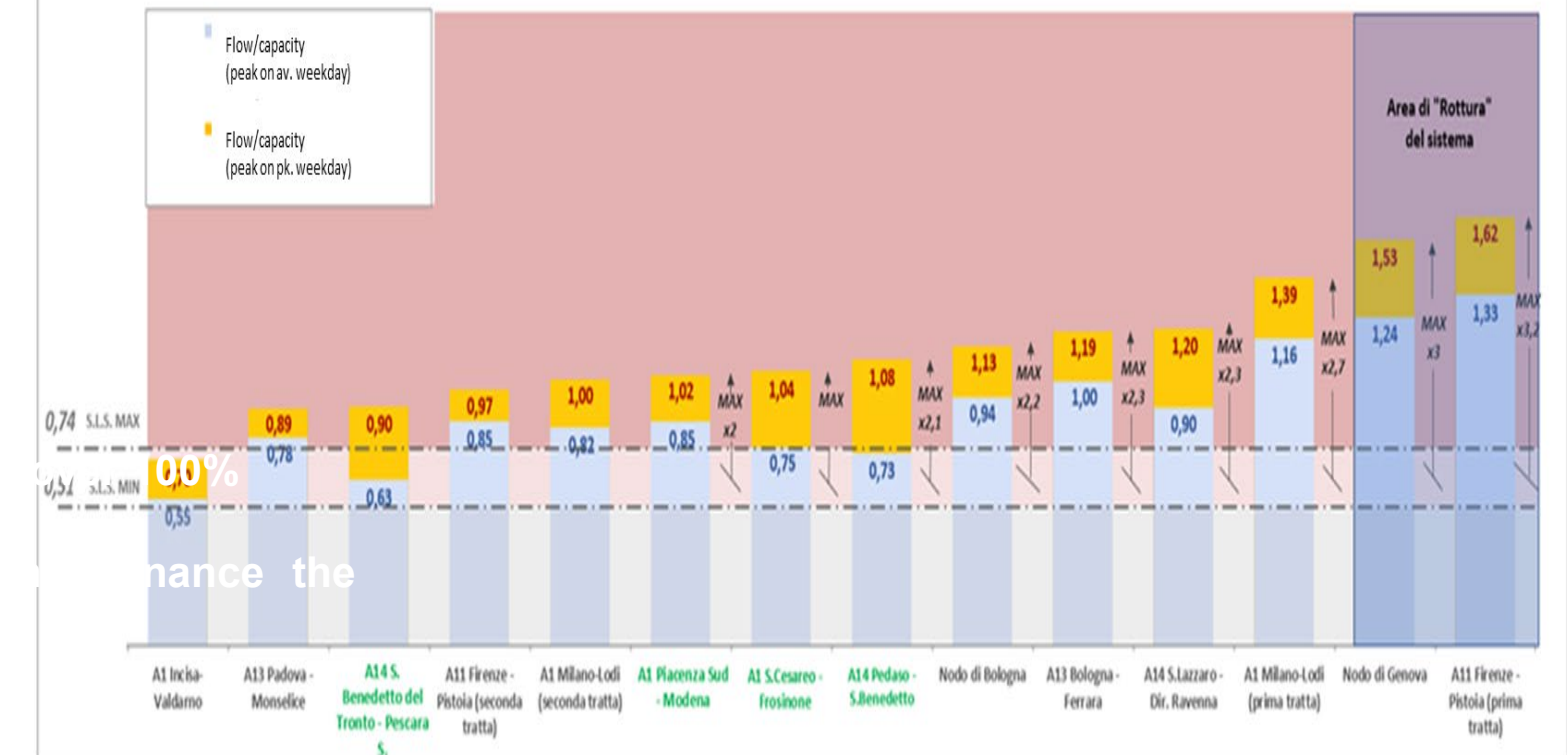
Reached road capacity limit for most of national highways

Theoretical average daily equivalent vehicles and cumulative mileage (2022)



~60%-70% of the total traffic (vehicles*km)
on 51% of the toll network (ASPI Group)

Saturation flowrate in average weekdays



Saturation is already close or over 100%
In case of roadworks for maintenance the system can collapse

●●● Deep transformation

VISION

Transport will be connected and interconnected, greener and safer and supported by zero emission vehicles and systems.

CHALLENGES

- Improving safety, efficiency and environmental sustainability of demand.
 - Reduce the number and duration of queues.
 - Reduce congestions.
- Monitoring and maintaining both the physical and IT infrastructure.

DRIVERS

- Decarbonization of mobility.
- Development of assisted and autonomous driving technologies.
- Application of Smart Mobility Services.

Innovation Programme Mercury
1,5 billion € over 15 years



The Mercury programme

The five clusters of innovative and technological initiatives



Infrastructure digitalization initiatives and activities to enable systems & technologies, collect and exchange information



Projects in the field of traffic control, road safety and improving traffic through infrastructure of intelligent road systems



Initiatives in the field of digitalization and automation of collection systems



Activities in the field of environmental sustainability and generation of energy from renewable sources



Initiatives to improve mobility services & solutions in urban centres

Targets

- Zero accidents (50% by 2030)
- 15% reduction of travel time
- 20% reduction of queues and congestions





Focus: Smart tolling



Initiatives in the field of digitalization and automation of collection systems

AIM

Making toll payment mechanisms more flexible and efficient to simplify payment operations and transform the toll collection system into a pricing tool, useful for reducing congestion, encouraging sustainable behavior and multi-modality.



PROJECTS

Station 2.0

Smart tolling solutions

- Cashback
- Ticket dematerialization
- Video Tolling



●●● Video Tolling

OBJECTIVES

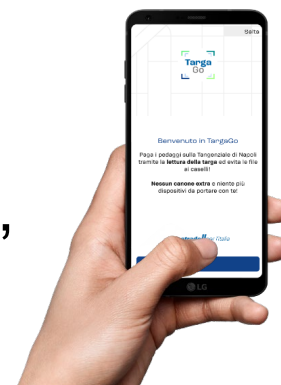
The rationale for the intervention is to advance the technology and the toll collection system toward new modes of payment, with minimum impact on customers.

UNDERLYING TECHNOLOGIES

The system is based on license plate recognition, thanks to cameras installed at toll booths, central data/image processing systems and the use of advanced image analysis technology (OCR).

USE

To use the service, it is necessary to be registered, by downloading the TargaGoapp or accessing the TargaGoweb site.



Video tolling does not require a track stop or on-board apparatus, or additional physical facilities.



No additional costs



No additional devices



Free flow tolling



Sustainable service (no queues)



Dedicated online assistance

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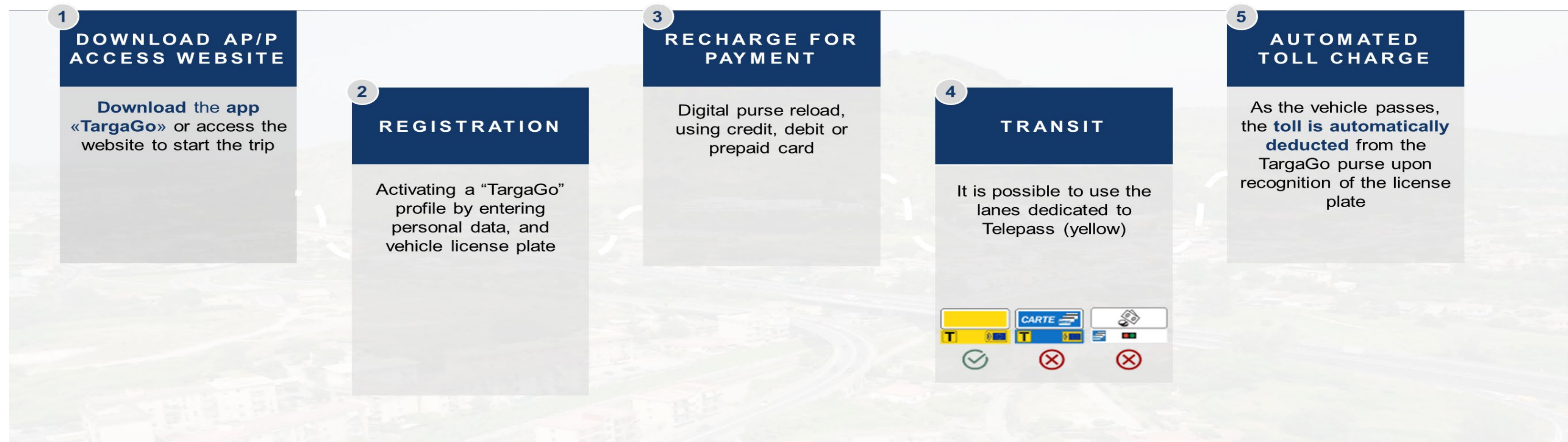
*(OCR - Optical Character Recognition).

Video Tolling: application

TARGA GO

Innovative toll payment tool based on videotolling technology, launched by ASPI and Tangenziale di Napoli, in agreement with MIT (Ministry of Transport), complementary to other methods already in use (electronic toll collection, cards, cash).

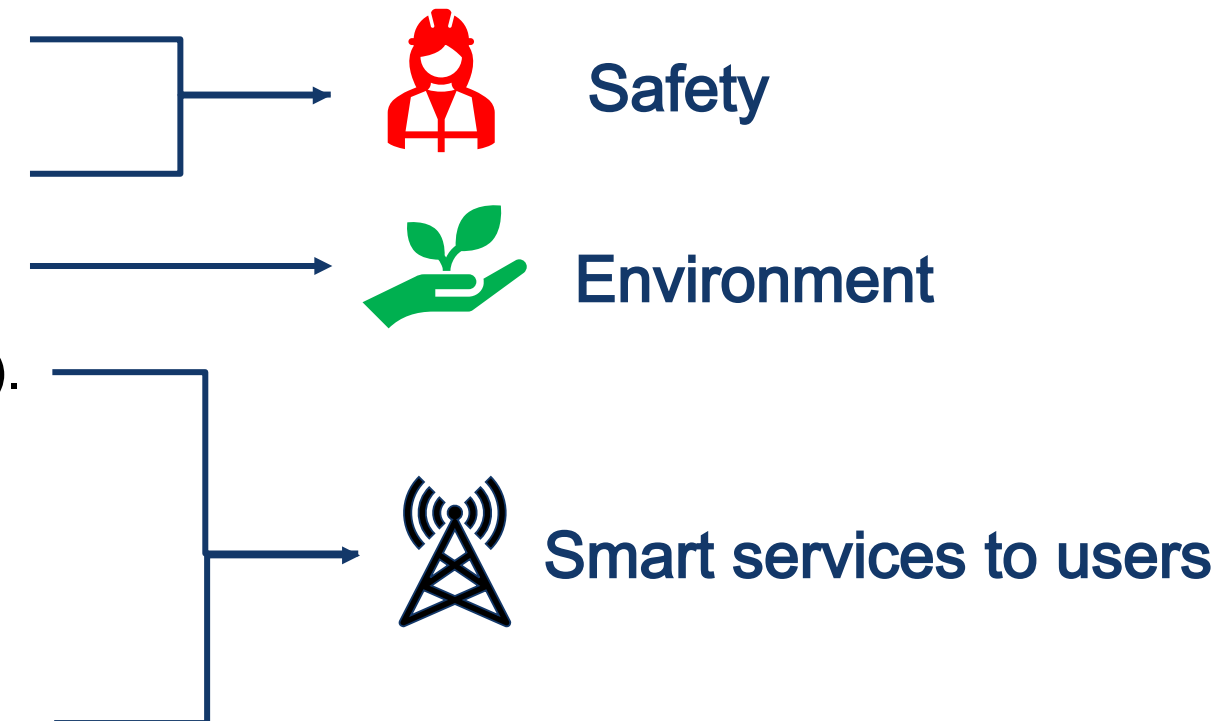
Since the start up to July 2024, the Targa Go app has recorded more than 47.000 downloads and the service is used by more than 10.000 customers and counts more than 680.000 transits.



Dynamic Pricing tool for Traffic Management and environmental Sustainability

OBJECTIVES

1. Less accidents caused by heavy traffic congestions.
2. Reduction probability to have queues.
3. Reduced emissions from traffic congestion and improved air quality.
4. Real-time traffic data and information sent to driver (informed s decisions).
5. More efficient road infrastructure use by:
 - suggesting alternative routes or times to drivers to avoid peak hours,
 - decreasing traffic jams during the busiest times of day.



NEEDED TOOL

Prediction of traffic volume that will be on a particular highway segment on a given day or time period.

From smartdepartures to economic departures

1. NATIONALTRAFFICMODELFORPRICINGSIMULATION

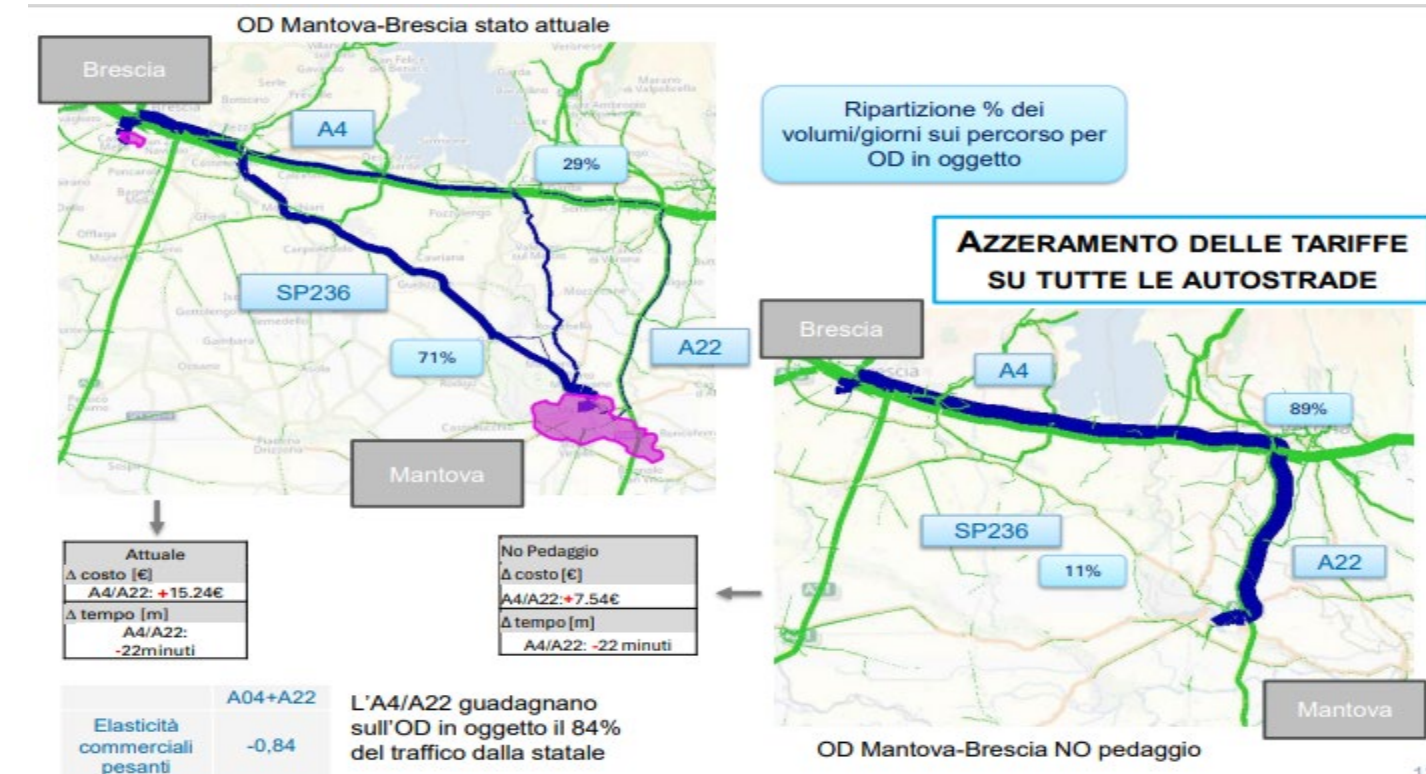
To evaluate the effects of changes in highways toll prices on traffic volume, emissions, and road safety: different scenarios and optimal pricing decisions (75000 km of road network).

2. DYNAMICPRICINGMODEL

(overall model to predict traffic fares)

Determining optimal dynamic toll rates to be charged at different times and locations considering various factors:

- traffic volumes,
- demand patterns,
- classes of vehicles
- type of users (i.e. commuters)
- congestion levels,
- events (i.e. roadworks, summer holidays)



Simulation: NO Tolling



Modified traffic distribution due to the change in prices.

OBJECTIVES

- Strengthening the implementation of polluter-pays principles.
- Promote the decarbonization of transport by contributing to the implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change and EU plans to reduce CO2 emissions.

SIMULATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED IN ASPI, considering:

- 1. Application of the Vignette to commercial vehicles, according to German toll fares, on the entire national highway network.
- 2. KPIs:
 - Variation in veh-km by vehicle classes and emission classes.
 - Variation in revenue to the Companies.

The toll rate on German highways is calculated on the basis of 4 cost categories:

- Infrastructure,
- air pollution,
- noise pollution,
- CO2 emissions.

RESULTS (1)

Change in travel by vehicle class and network type compared with the current scenario.



RESULTS (2)

Breakdown of mileage by euro class commercial vehicles on highway network (in red the current scenario).

	EUR 0	EUR 1	EUR 2	EUR 3	EUR 4	EUR 5	EUR 6	Totale
	0,9% (1,0%)	0,5% (0,6%)	2,0% (2,2%)	7,4% (8,0%)	17,1% (17,8%)	31,3% (32,0%)	40,9% (38,4%)	100%
	3,6% (4,3%)	1,0% (1,2%)	6,1% (7,0%)	23,5% (25,7%)	7,5% (7,5%)	38,6% (37,4%)	19,7% (16,9%)	100%

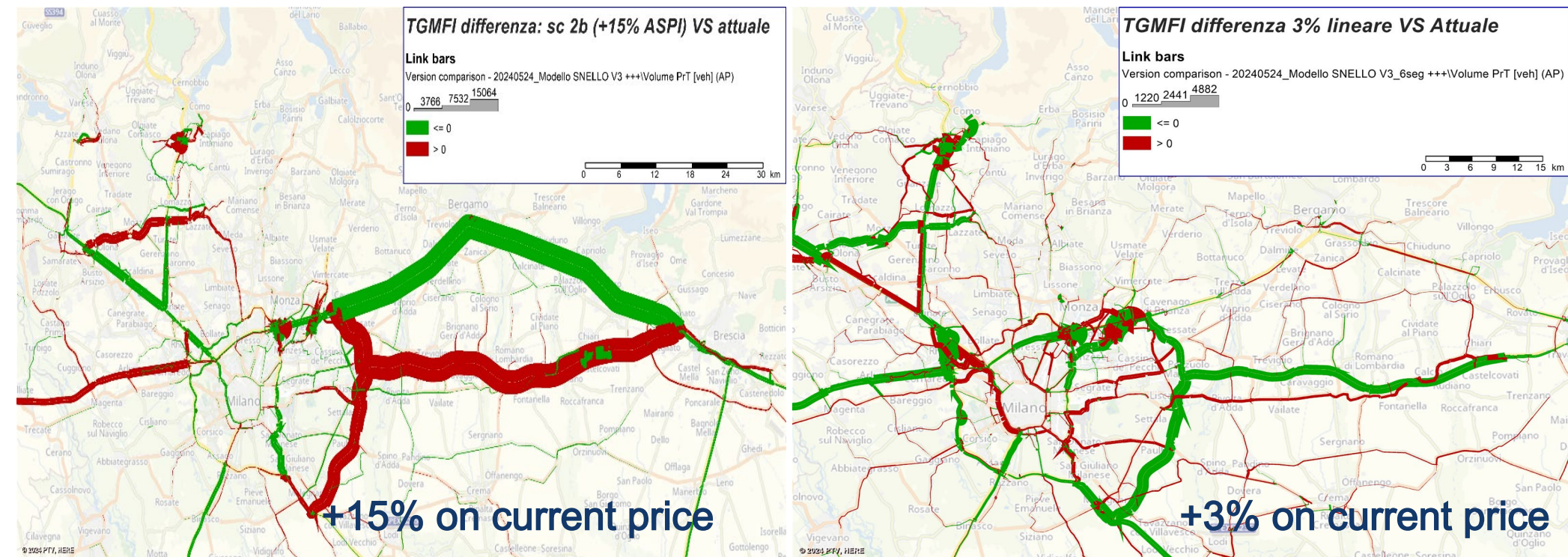
Other Scenarios simulated and conclusions

(compared with current situation)

Free of charge simulation

Price Elasticity of Demand (overall network)

light vehicle	11.50%
heavy vehicle	5.70%



1. **Ready to simulate:** to understand how traffic varies depending on the price applied and as the basis for a possible dialogue with our stakeholders (i.e. Ministry of Transport).
2. Potentially, we can achieve more fluidity in traffic by redistributing traffic over the entire available national network, that means a **reduction in queues and in congestions**.



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