

Electrifying Urban Freight Transport for Cleaner Cities and Efficient Logistics

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- Encompass seven Transport and Logistics Centres located in Denmark.
- Works with added value logistics services.
- Performs research and tests on freight Electric Vehicles.
- Has its headquarter in Aalborg in the northern part of Jutland.









Background

When developing solutions for electric vehicles, a combined focus on both electrified car solutions and electrified urban freight solutions is an obvious opportunity, which is researched and tested in the E-Mobility NSR project by FDT and associated partners around the North Sea Region.

Electrified urban freight solutions can be offered in many ways e.g. by consolidating goods in Logistics Centres and transport hubs outside the core area of the city, where transhipment onto electric vehicles can be performed. Hereby more silent, clean and efficient distribution methods are introduced, for the benefit of both the inhabitants of the cities and the transport companies performing the service.









Why this focus?

- EU White Paper for Transport Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area – Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system
- Goals for a competitive and resource efficient transport system; benchmarks for achieving the 60% GHG emission reduction target compared to 1990 values
 - "Halve the use of 'conventionally-fuelled' cars in urban transport by 2030
 - Phase them out in cities by 2050;
 - Achieve essentially CO2-free city logistics in major urban centres by 2030."

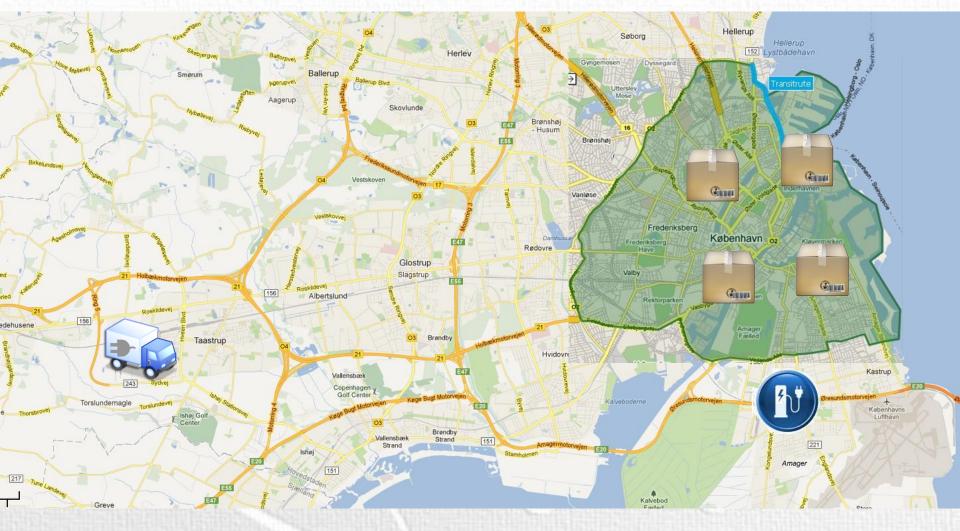
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Distribution with EV's

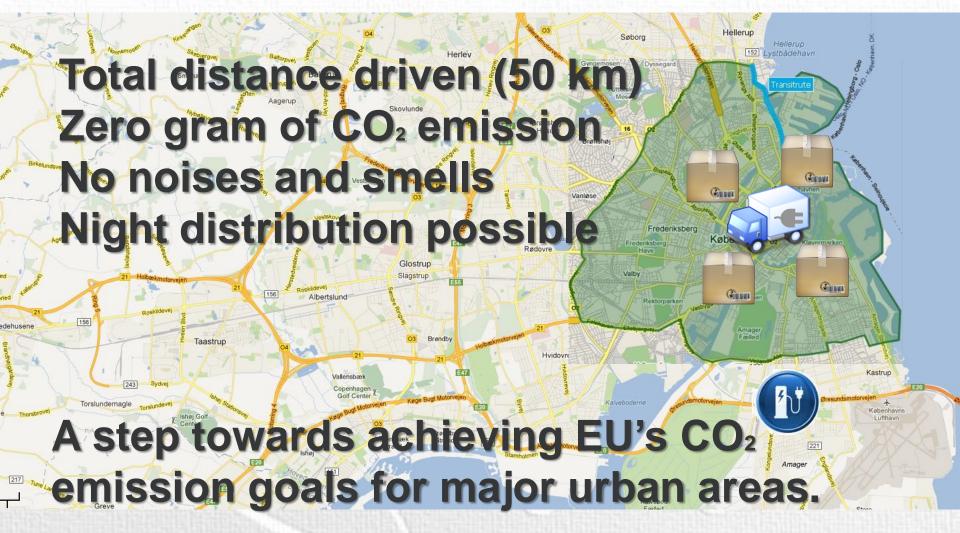








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Crowdsourcing Platform http://forum.e-mobility-nsr.eu/



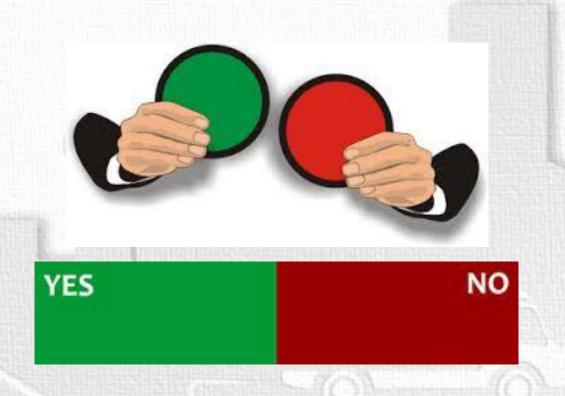








Explanation of the Method











Intro First Question

• The current developing/technological trend of EVs on the market is describing a race between low emission ICE vehicles and EVs. While the ICE industry has reached a dominant design (a standardized model) and a constant growth, the EV industry hasn't. This progress is typical for new industries. The emergence of the dominant design can arise from a great consumer adoption of a specific model or from becoming a dominant design in a particular market followed by a general market adoption. Other reported emergences in new industries depict the intervention of the public authorities through public procurement of innovation. Regardless of the pathway, it is of interest that the process of dominant design emergence to increase its velocity so that the market uptake becomes standardized.







First Question

Maintaining the current technological level of EVs, are electric freight vehicles able to compete with ICE (internal combustion engine) vehicles on the urban freight logistics market?









Intro Second Question

• At the current state of the EV industry development, the intervention of public authorities into the industry's growth is desired by most EV stakeholders. Different means of intervention have different impacts, therefore in this challenge, we are looking towards types of legislative actions that would focus on the strengths of the EV's and not on their weaknesses (e.g. providing a direct advantage only for EVs). An example of such legislative action that focuses on the strength of EV's is the EC Noise Directive and its impact on the evening and night distribution - it embraces the strengths of electric vehicles, but doesn't give them a direct advantage over other types of vehicles.







Second Question

Is legislative support required to help electric freight vehicles to compete with conventional vehicles, given the condition that the legislative action is objective - it doesn't violate competition on the market?









Intro Third Question

 According to the EC Communication on Clean Power for Transport: A European alternative fuels strategy - "A consistent long-term strategy on alternative fuels has to meet the energy needs of all transport modes and be consistent with the EU 2020 strategy, including decarbonisation. However, the alternatives available and their cost differ between modes. The benefits of alternative fuels are initially larger in urban areas where pollutant emissions are of great concern and in freight transport where alternatives have reached a sufficient level of maturity. There is no single fuel solution for the future of mobility and all main alternative fuel options must be pursued, with a focus on the needs of each transport mode. A strategic approach for the Union to meet the long-term needs of all transport modes must therefore build on a comprehensive mix of alternative fuels.







Third Question

Is it feasible to use electric vans and trucks for more than urban deliveries?









Intro Fourth Question

• With Better Places Bankruptcy in May 2013, numerous Battery Swap Stations, including 18 in Denmark are left un-used. The Battery Swap Stations are all (technological ready) to be put in use again, but so far no one has positioned themselves to overtake the management of the stations. Many OEM's are now focusing on the fast charging technology instead, but also recognizes the benefits of the swapping technology.







Fourth Question

Will there be a need for the battery swapping technology, or is the technology already overtaken by the fast charging technology?



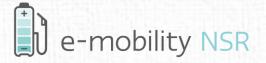












Info Fifth Question

• The increased demand for effective flows of goods in growing urban areas is the result of urbanization, as well as the increased environmental focus from a political perspective. Pick-up and delivery of goods in urban areas - city logistics, has a large impact on the economy, availability, life quality and attractiveness of a city. Information can be used as a mean to improve city logistics; improved information systems can be a mean to reduce the range anxiety, trip time and thereby release capacity in the system.







Fifth Question

Can ICT make a difference for EVs in city logistics and e-commerce?







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