3/ Smart urban mobility

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Job creation

Although there may be potential job losses in the car industry, additional transport sector jobs may be generated in the area of sustainable transport infrastructures, including the construction, maintenance and operation of public transport systems and bicycle-related services.

Economic activity

Return carsharing service providers and public transport operators will benefit. A significant reduction in urban mobility will inevitably lead to a decrease in sales volumes in the car industry.

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- Increase alternative transport options to replace private cars, particularly for home-workplace journeys, in order to create a substitution potential that competes economically with individual cars:
  - develop the Bus Rapid Transport network and dedicated public transport networks in general to meet users' requirements
  - encourage "return" carsharing
  - carpooling for short journeys and home-workplace mobility
  - develop a "bicycle system" (infrastructures, services and vehicles)

- Car use reassignment and redistribution measures will be crucial to the success of the alternative transport provision which, on its own, is never enough to encourage a significant shift in mode:
  - reassign the space allocated to private cars according to quality of life and effectiveness criteria
  - reassign parking spaces

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