



Sustainable Mobility: Social, Technological and Environmental Issues

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Sustainable mobility is a central topic in almost all transport policy documents at different administrative levels. Indeed, for instance, in the case of the European Union, the White Paper of the European Commission (*Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area—Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system*) delineates the European transport policy until to 2050. In this document, the Commission identifies two main objectives that are strictly related to the promotion of sustainable mobility: i) the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector by at least 60% by 2050 compared to 1990, and ii) to reduce the oil dependence of the European countries. At the same time, the document explicitly states that “*Curbing mobility is not an option*”, but provides some strategies for reaching the goals that are, primarily, related to sustainable mobility, from the use of low-carbon sustainable fuels and propulsion systems to the promotion of rail transport for both passengers and freight, from the use of smaller, lighter and more specialised road passenger vehicles in urban areas, to the use of ITS in real-time traffic management.





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