

DECARBONISING PATHWAYS FOR FREIGHT TRANSPORT IN THE PHILIPPINES

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Freight Modelling Training Session

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FRAMEWORK AND RESULTS OF THE ITF PHILIPPINES FREIGHT MODEL

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1. BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES
2. STUDY APPROACH
3. RESULTS
4. CALLS-TO-ACTION FOR POLICY MAKERS



Background & Objectives

Sustainable Infrastructure Programme in Asia - Transport

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Study approach

Project launch and stakeholder consultations (April 2022)

Data collection

- International and domestic trade flows by mode, trade partner and commodity
- Airport and port capacity
- Nautical highways
- Rail and road network
- Infrastructure development plans



National partners: DOTr, ICTSI, MARINA, NEDA, PSA, UNDP, UP, others

Scenario projections provide insights into sector trajectory

Evaluate the impacts of the current policy framework.

- Identify announced policies and infrastructure projects that will influence the emission trajectory.

Assess the saving potential of additional measures.

- Select additional policy options viable in the local context in consultation with national partners.

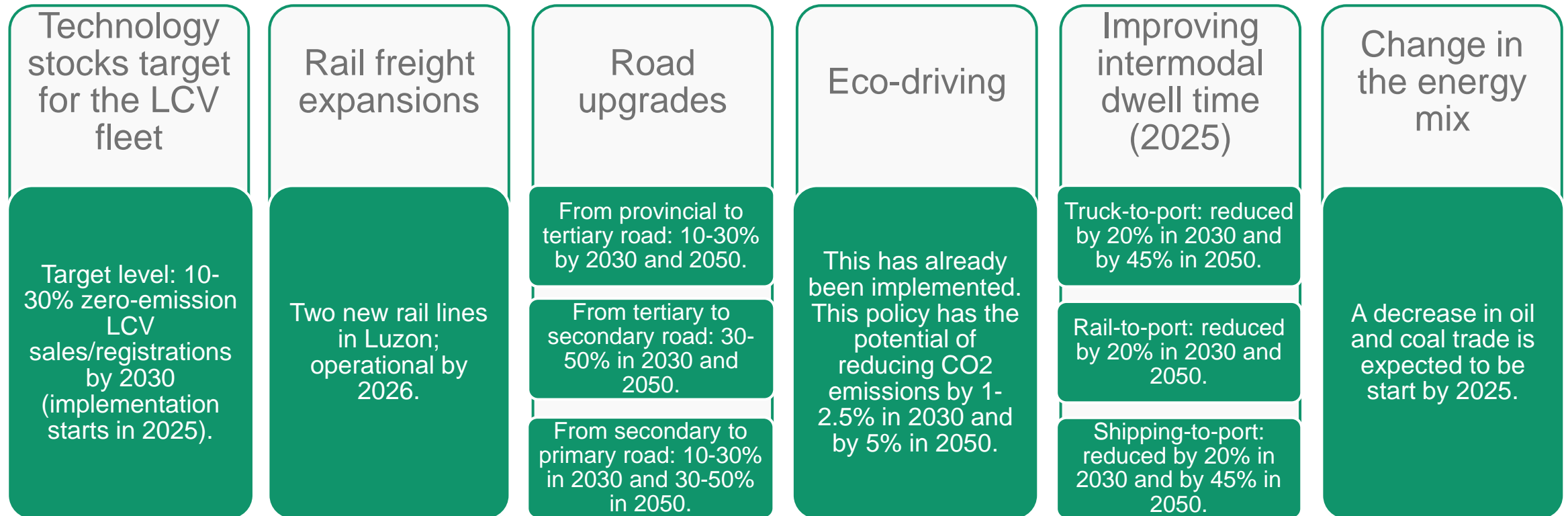
Define two alternative scenarios with higher ambition.

- Scenarios with increased ambition explore possible outcomes of adopting additional measures.



Evaluating sector trajectory in Current Ambition Scenario

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Assessing two Climate Ambition Scenarios



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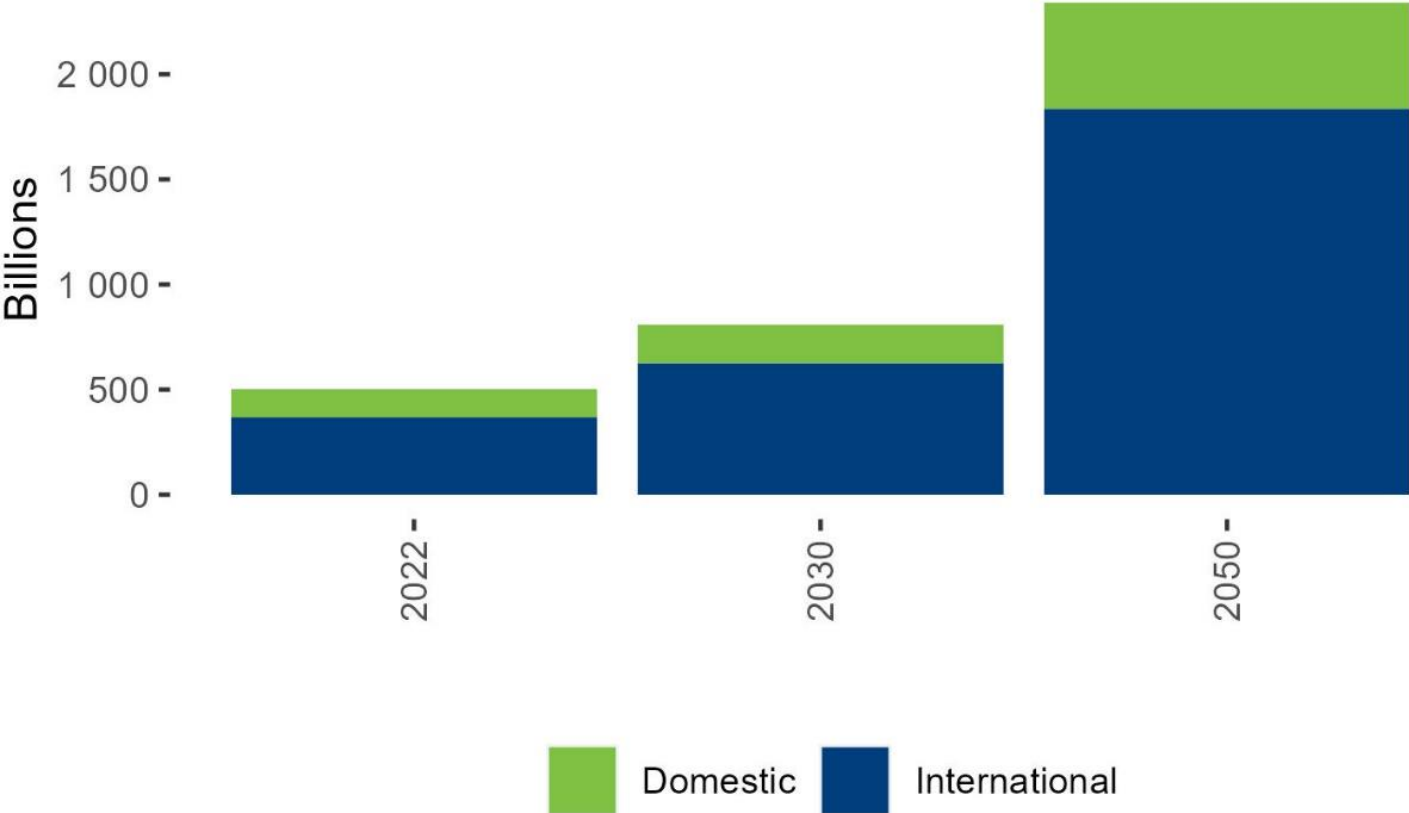
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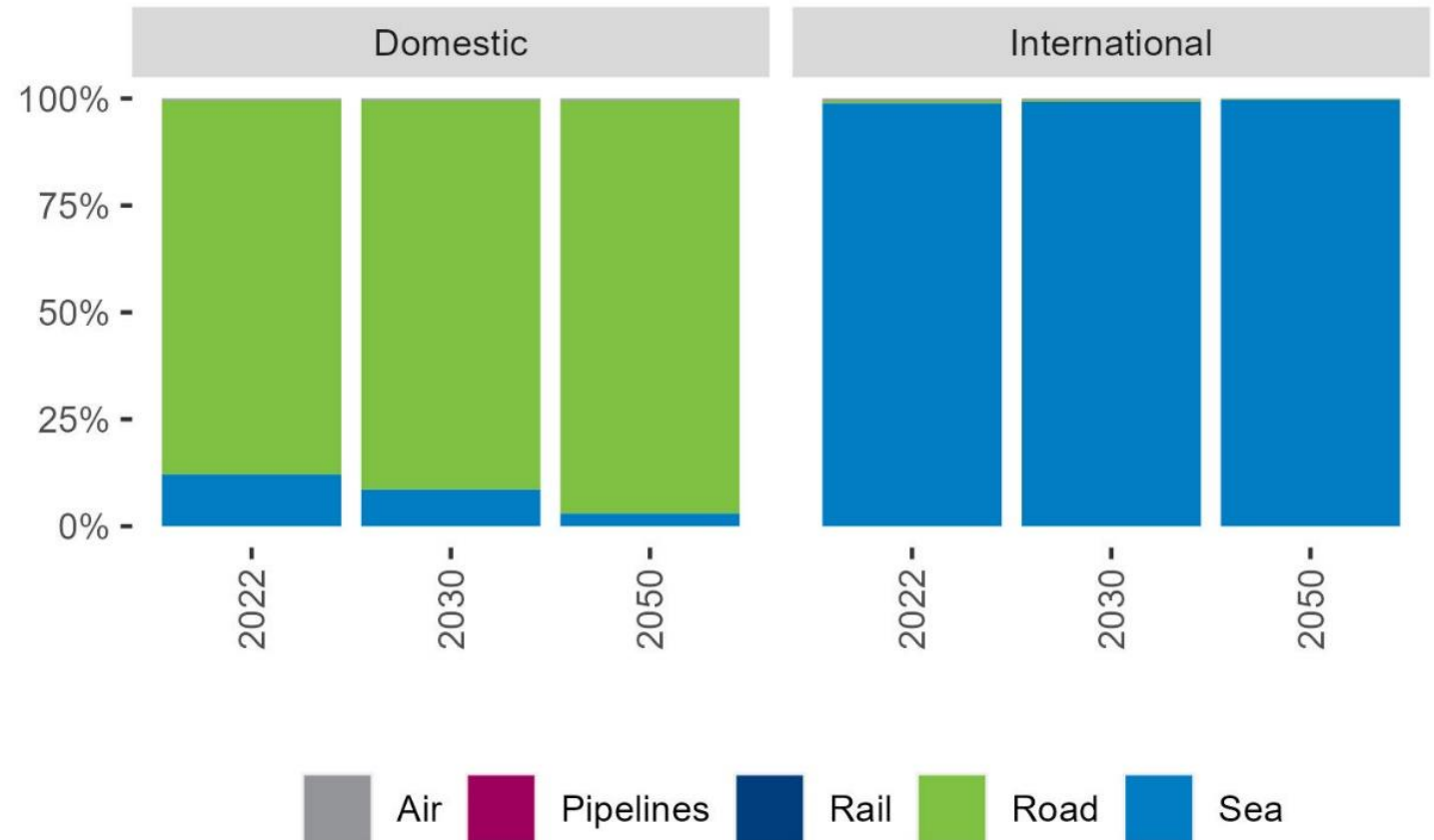
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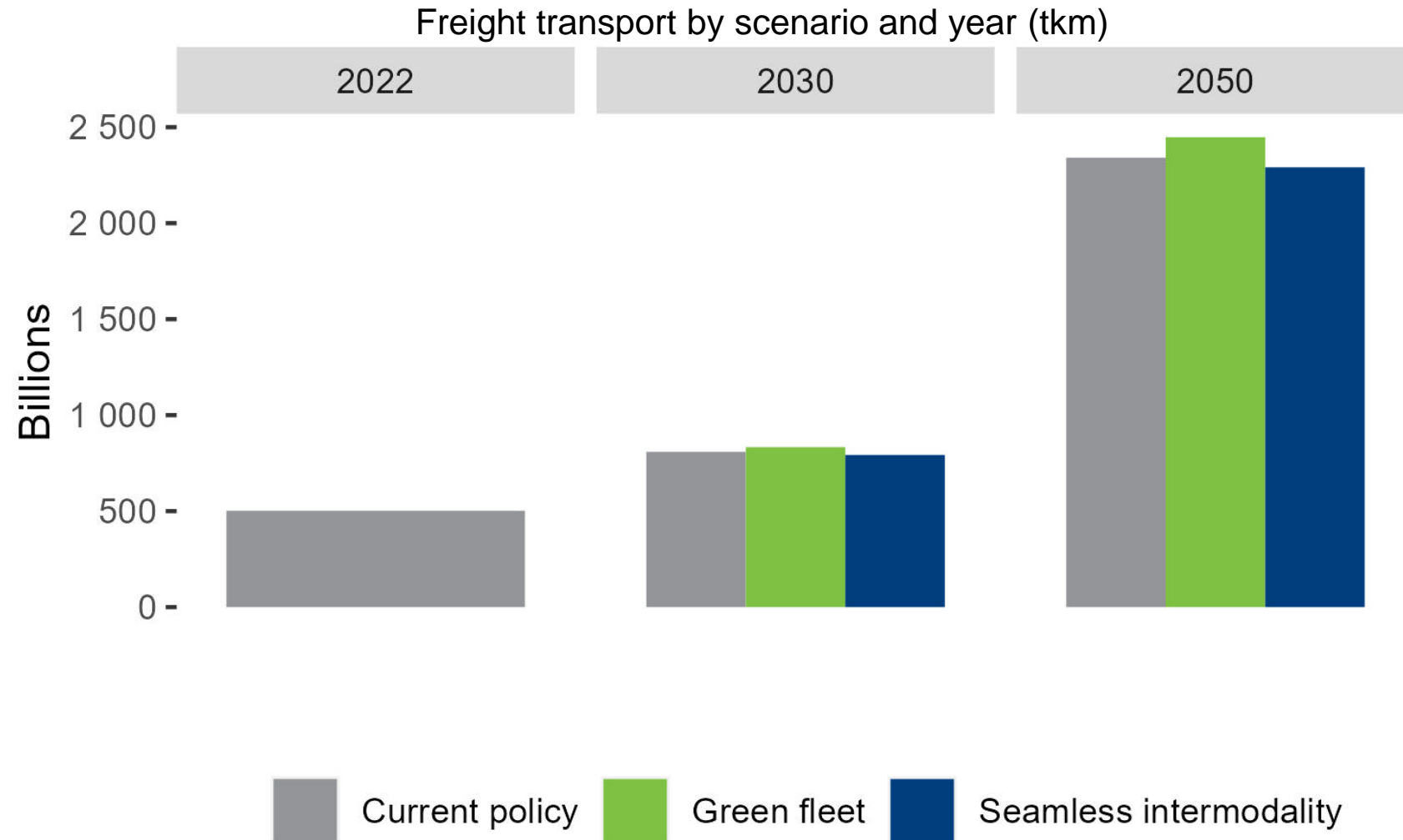
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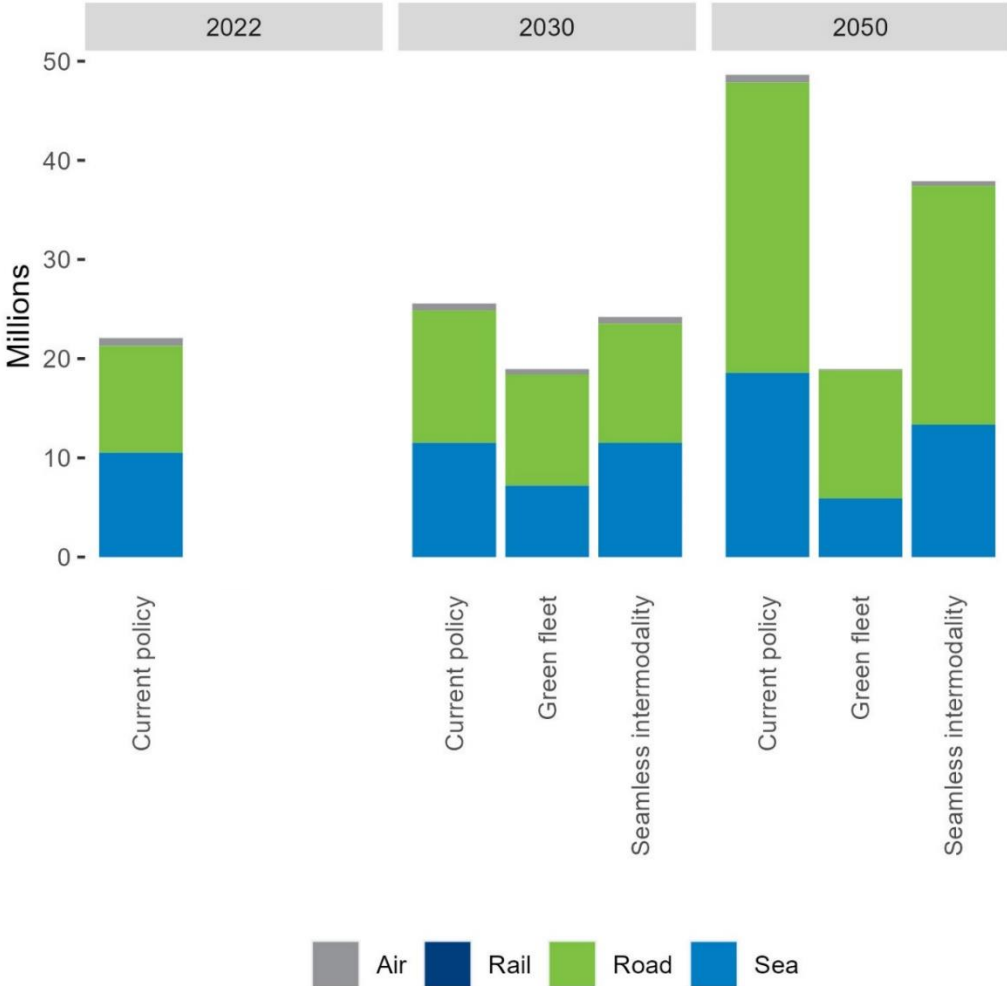
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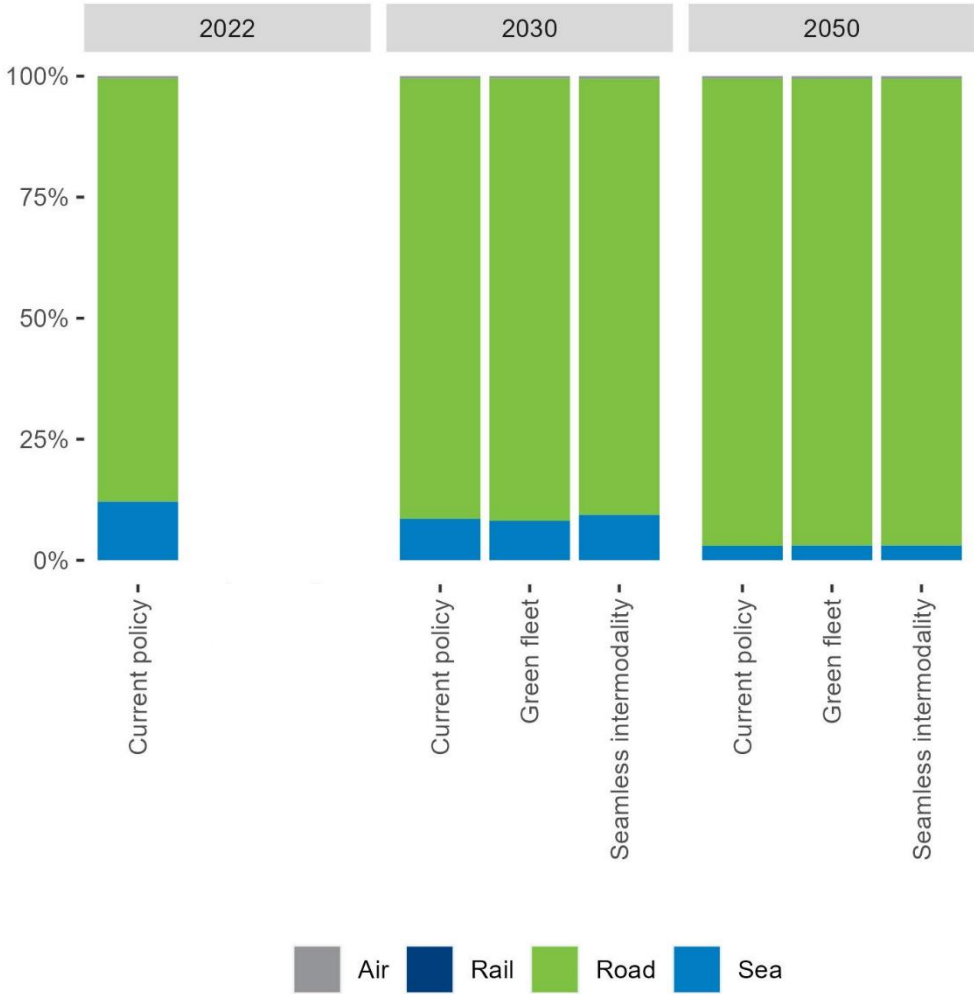
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Calls-to-action for policy makers

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TECHNICAL TRAINING ON MODELLING AND SCENARIO BUILDING

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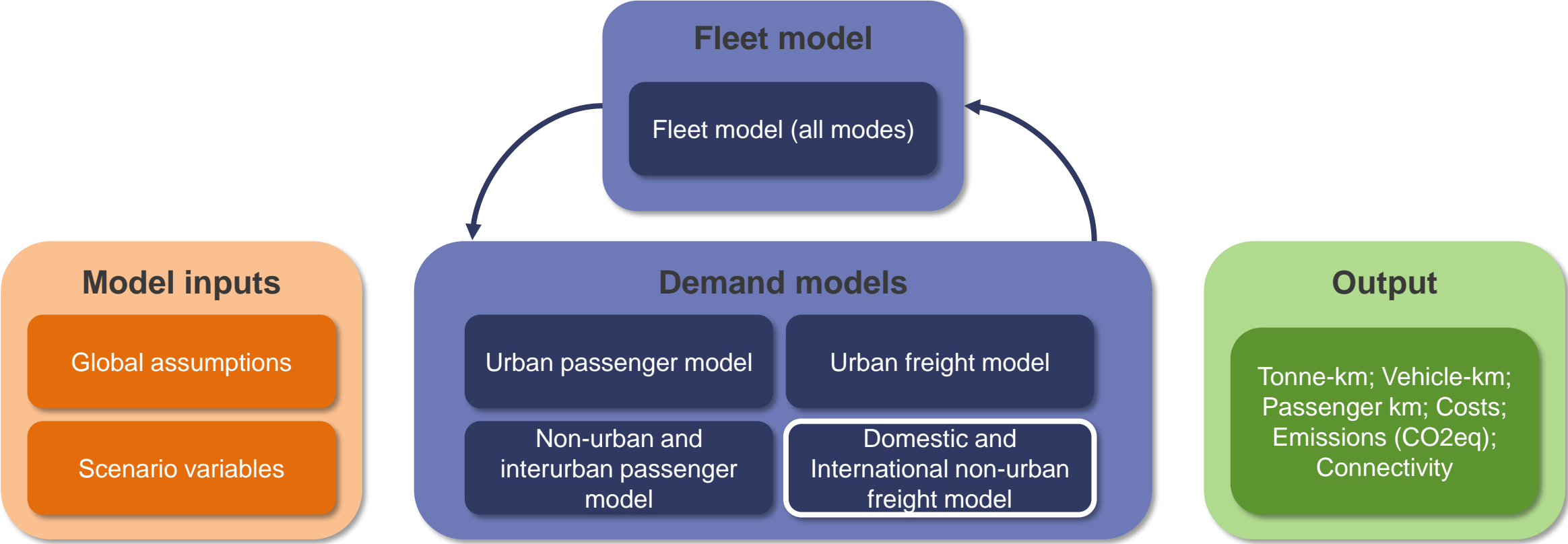
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2. MODEL UPDATES
3. PRESENT THE VISUALISATION TOOL



ITF PASTA global freight model

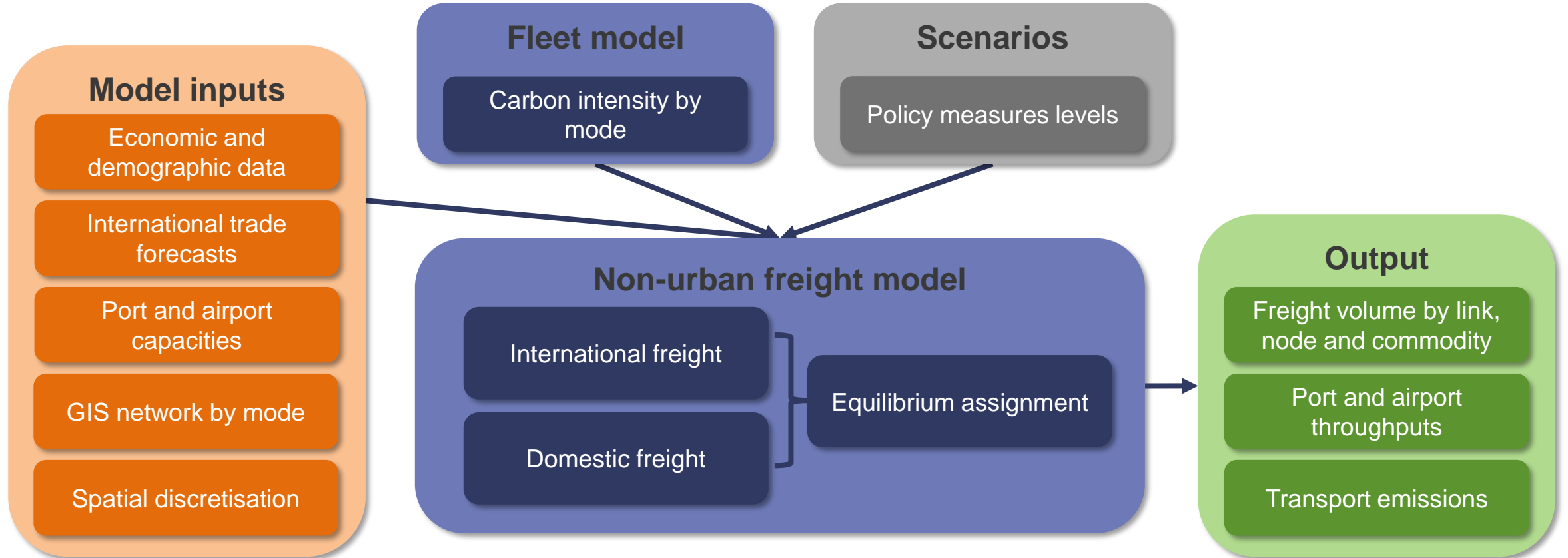
What is ITF PASTA?

ITF's freight model is one of five models that make up the ITF Policy Ambitions and Sustainable Transport Assessment (PASTA) framework



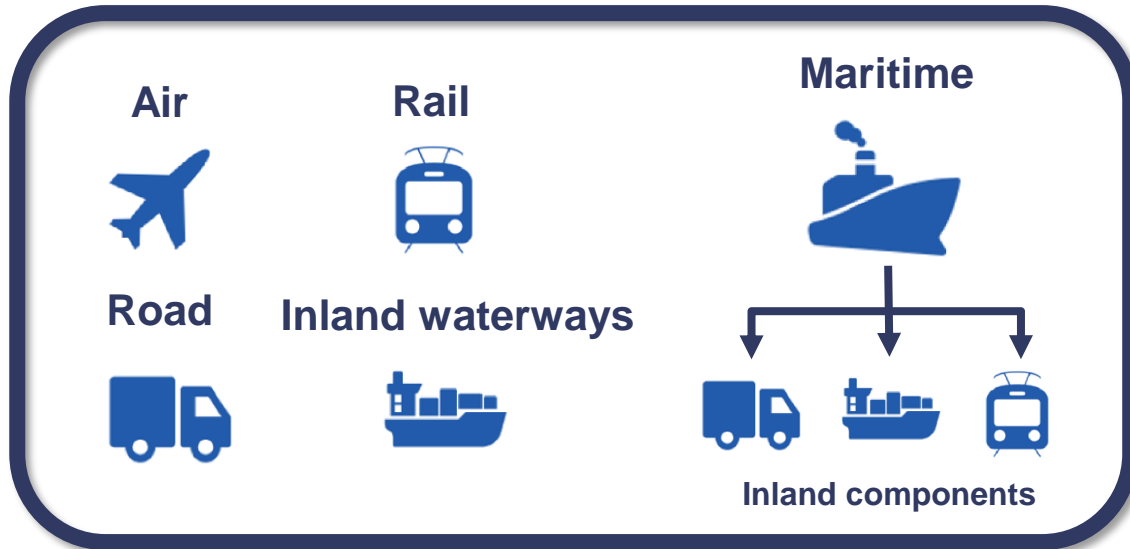
ITF non-urban freight model components

It is a fully integrated multi-modal network model that assigns freight flows on all major transport modes to specific routes, modes, and network links



International Freight Model

International centroids



- Freight centroids are used to discretise regional origin-destination trade flows
- The model assumes a proportionality of trade to GDP
- Commodity shares are calculated according to the GDP created within the respective economic sector
- The conversion of value units (US dollars) into weight units (tonnes) of cargo was formulated as a Poisson regression model
- The mode share model for international freight flow defines the transport mode used



Domestic Freight Model

Domestic centroids



Equilibrium assignment

The model uses an iterative equilibrium assignment procedure with travel time cost updates at every iteration (5 years). Freight transport activity is assigned to the shortest or least-costly path

- The model follows a gravitational model to understand how total trade splits into an OD matrix between domestic freight centroids
- Total surface freight activity is estimated by country, encompassing transport of international and domestic nature
- Urban freight transport is included in the estimation
- Domestic freight activity is estimated in alignment with international freight activity estimates and domestic freight weights

Outputs

Transport output

- Freight flows by **origin-destination links, commodities and transport modes**
- Throughputs by node
- **Utilisation rate** of infrastructure and potential **bottlenecks**
- **Modal split** by country, region or total



Connectivity output

- **Connectivity index** of a country
- Assessment of the **access to world markets**



Environmental output

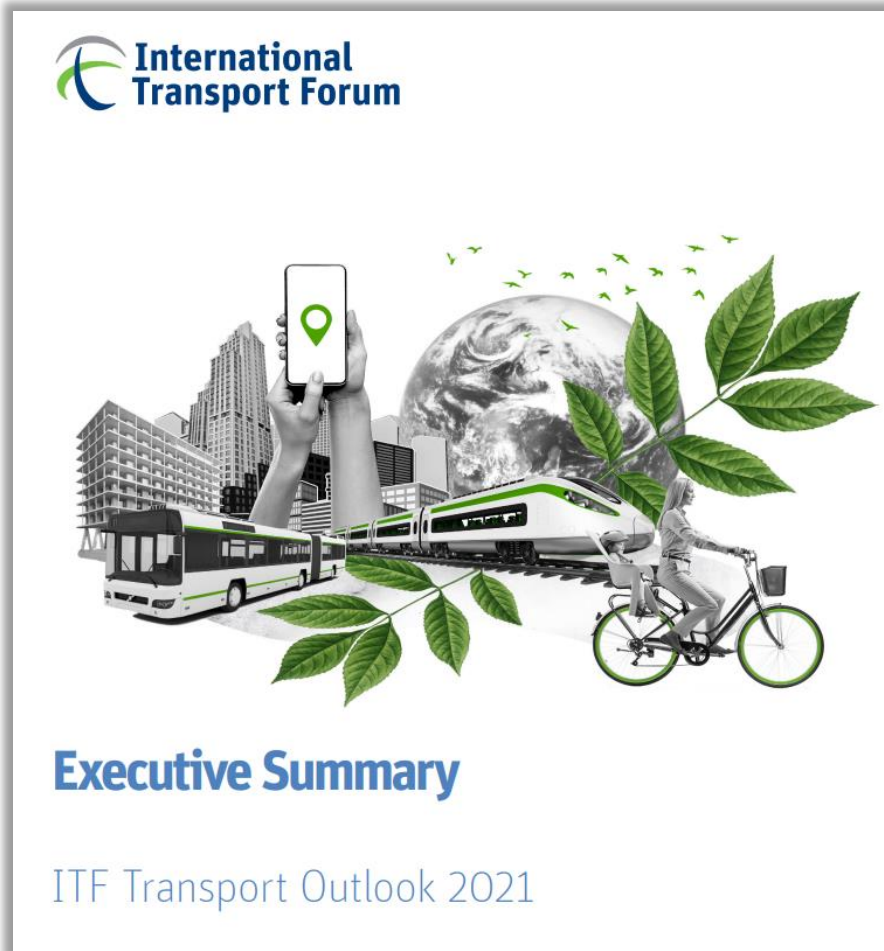
- **CO₂** well-to-wheel emissions
- **Local pollutants**
- **Activity and emissions** by vehicle type and distance

Policy output

- Evaluation of **current policies**
- Projection of the impact of **alternative policy pathways**
- Relevant and quantifiable **policy recommendations**



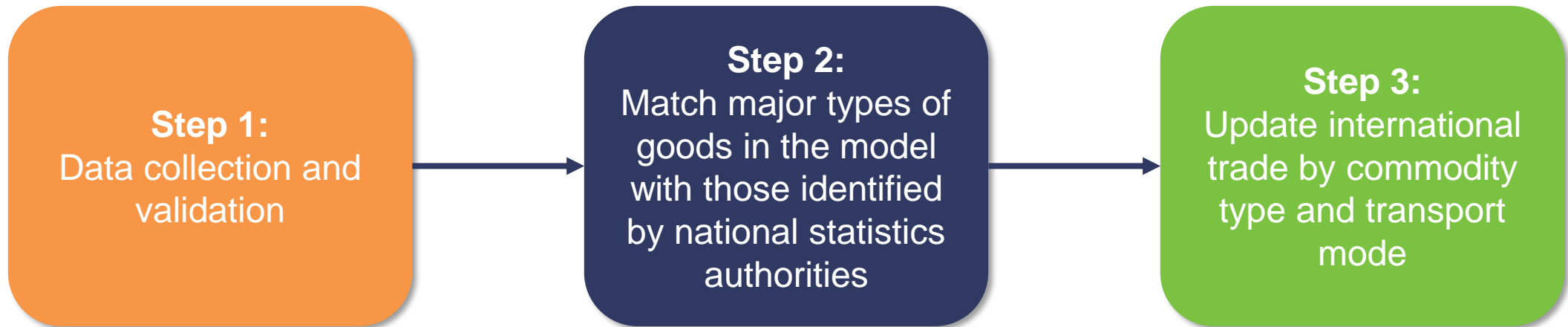
Projects mobilising this model



ITF PASTA global freight model updates

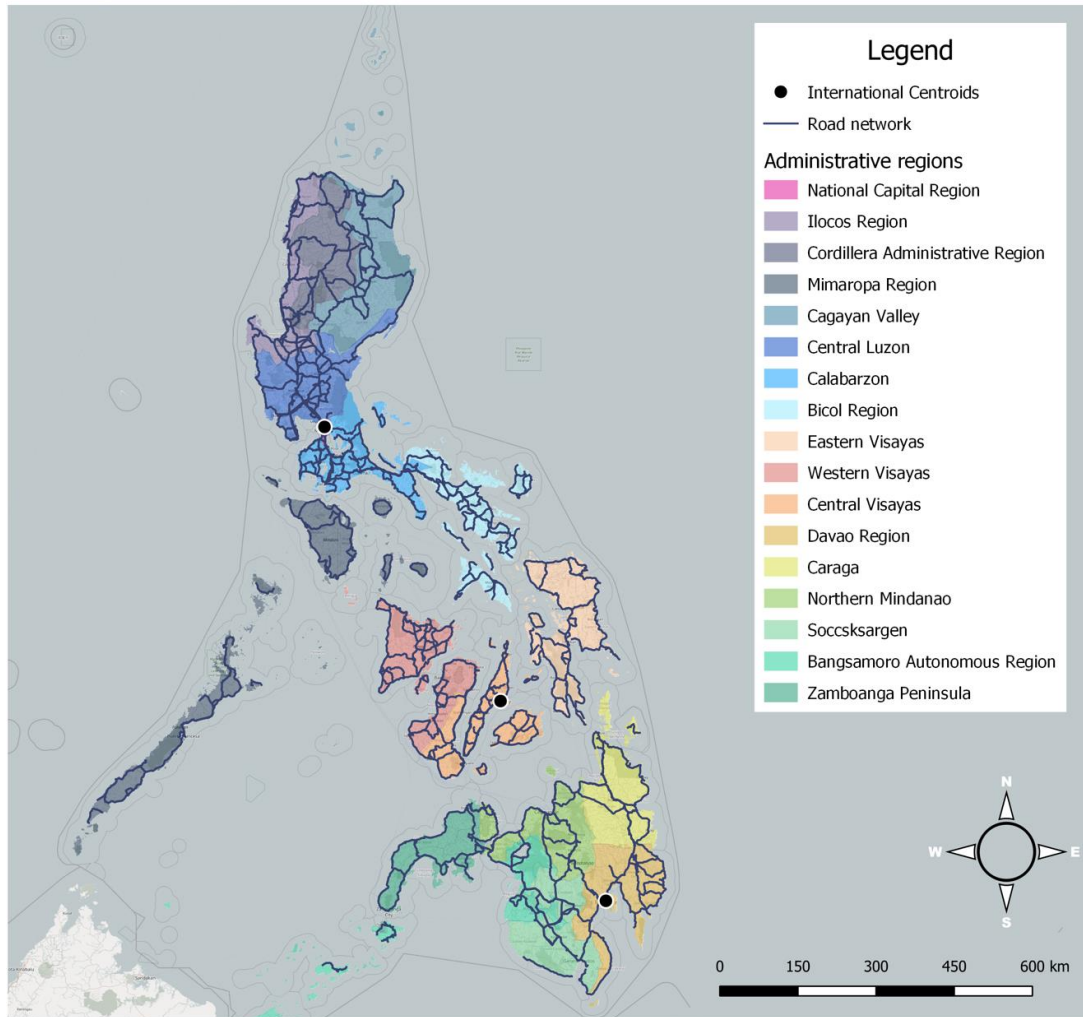
Trade updates

- The stakeholder consultation phase was of the highest importance to identifying data requirements for the national study and determining data ownership
- Trade data are a central pillar in the global freight model that must be updated frequently to capture new trends and changes
- International trade data by country is used to calibrate the model and serve as a benchmark for its results



Centroid updates

Map of the Philippines and administrative regions



Source: Department of Transportation, International Transport Forum, Open Street Map (2023)

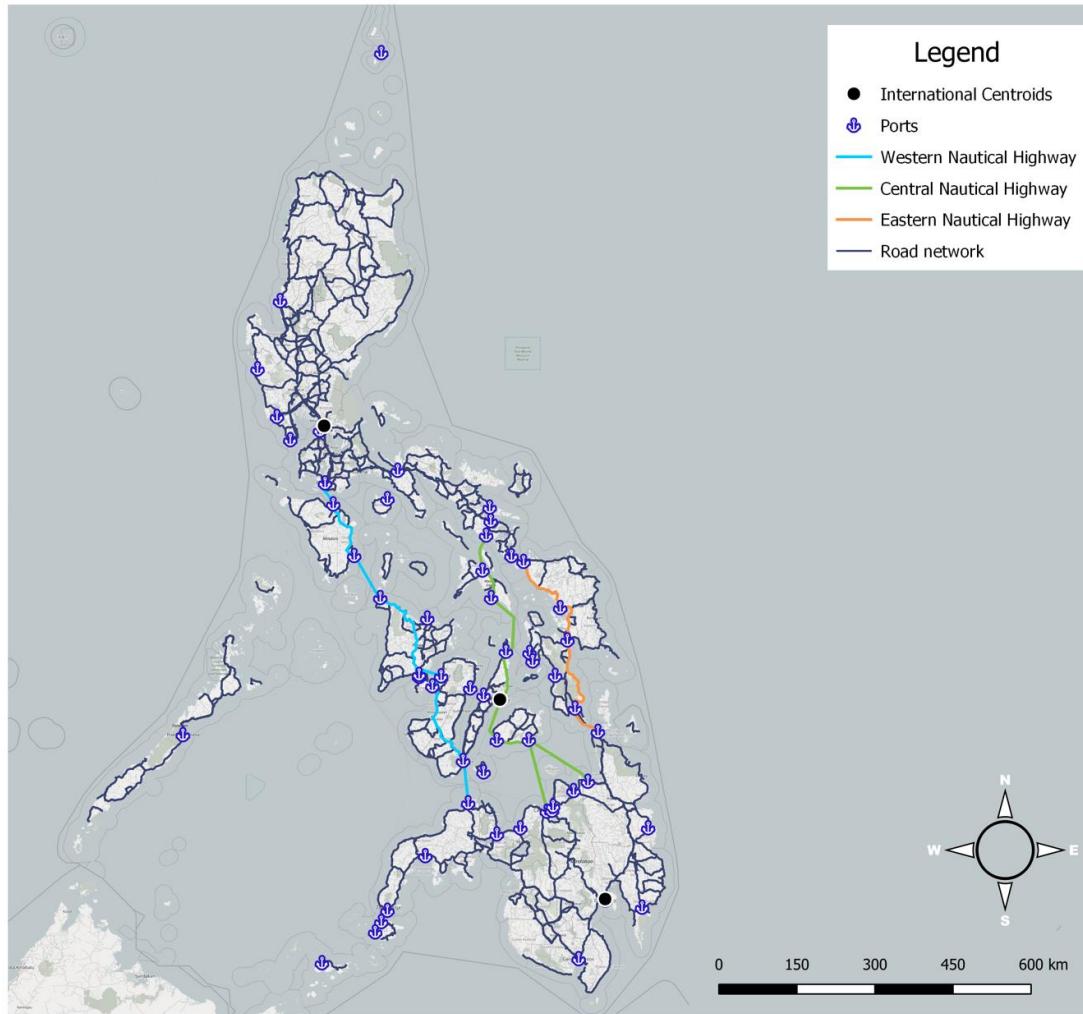
The number of centroids was re-evaluated to increase possible **origin-destination links** for international trade and maximise the use of data provided by local stakeholders.

There are currently **three** international centroids in the archipelago, each representing one group of islands. Thus, there are three centroids: Manila (**Luzon**), Cebu City (**Visayas**) and Davao (**Mindanao**).

Domestic centroids were equally updated. Using data from stakeholders, the ITF team updated the **capacity** of the existing domestic centroid in the model.

Nautical highways

Philippines nautical highways



Source: Department of Transportation, International Transport Forum, Open Street Map (2023)

One of the most important updates to the model consists of the inclusion of the three main nautical highways of the Philippines. These key roll-on-roll-off corridors are an essential component of the country's connectivity and are vital for domestic trade.

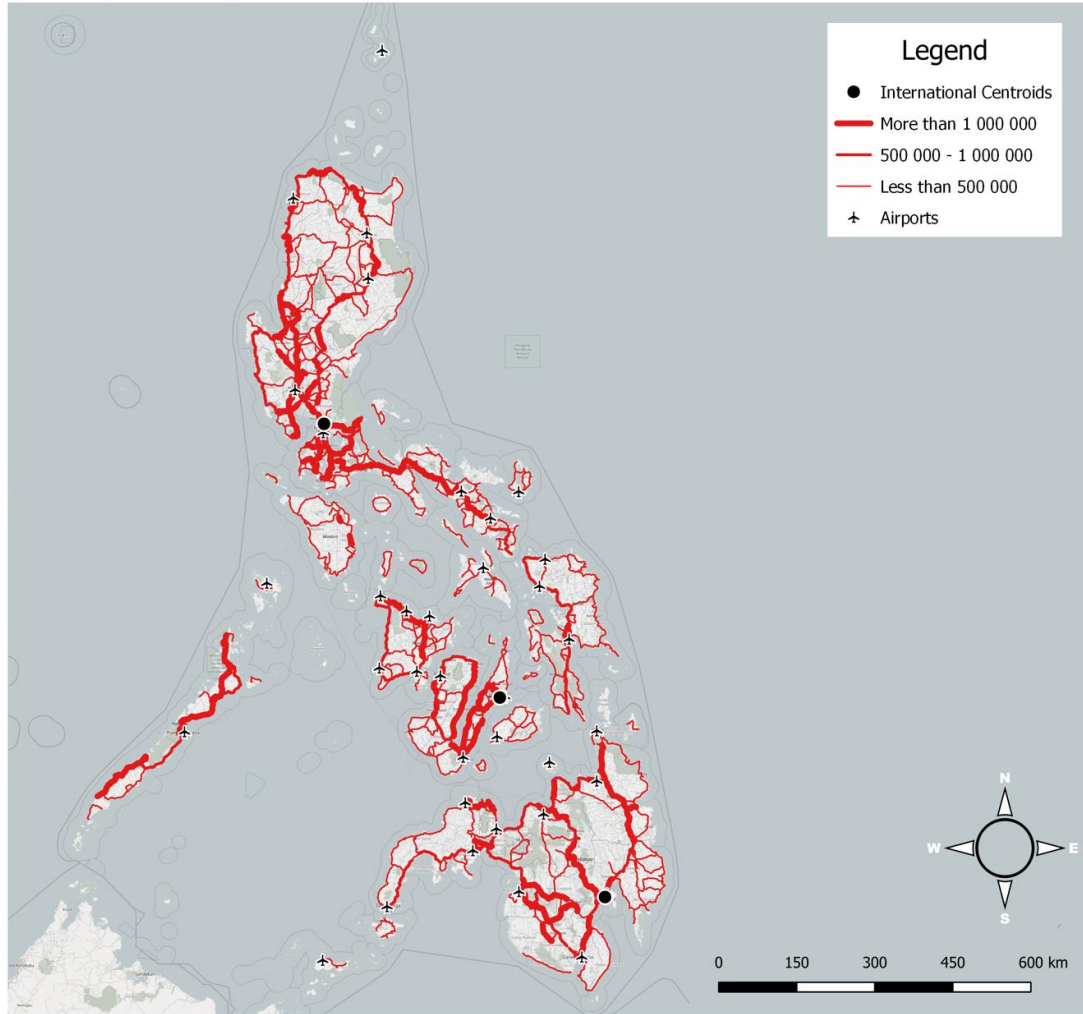
The **western** nautical highway comprises approximately 130 nautical miles and 535 km of road and links 8 ports in the model. It connects the islands of Luzon, Mindoro, Panay, Negros and Mindanao.

The **central** nautical highway extends approximately 190 nautical miles and 260 km of road. It connects a total of 11 ports in the model, distributed in Luzon, Masbate, Cebu, Bohol and Mindanao.

The **eastern** nautical highway includes about 53 nautical miles and 415 road km. Being the shortest one, it links 4 ports in the model. This highway connects Luzon, Samar, Leyte and Mindanao.

Network updates – Part 1

Philippines road network by capacity and airports



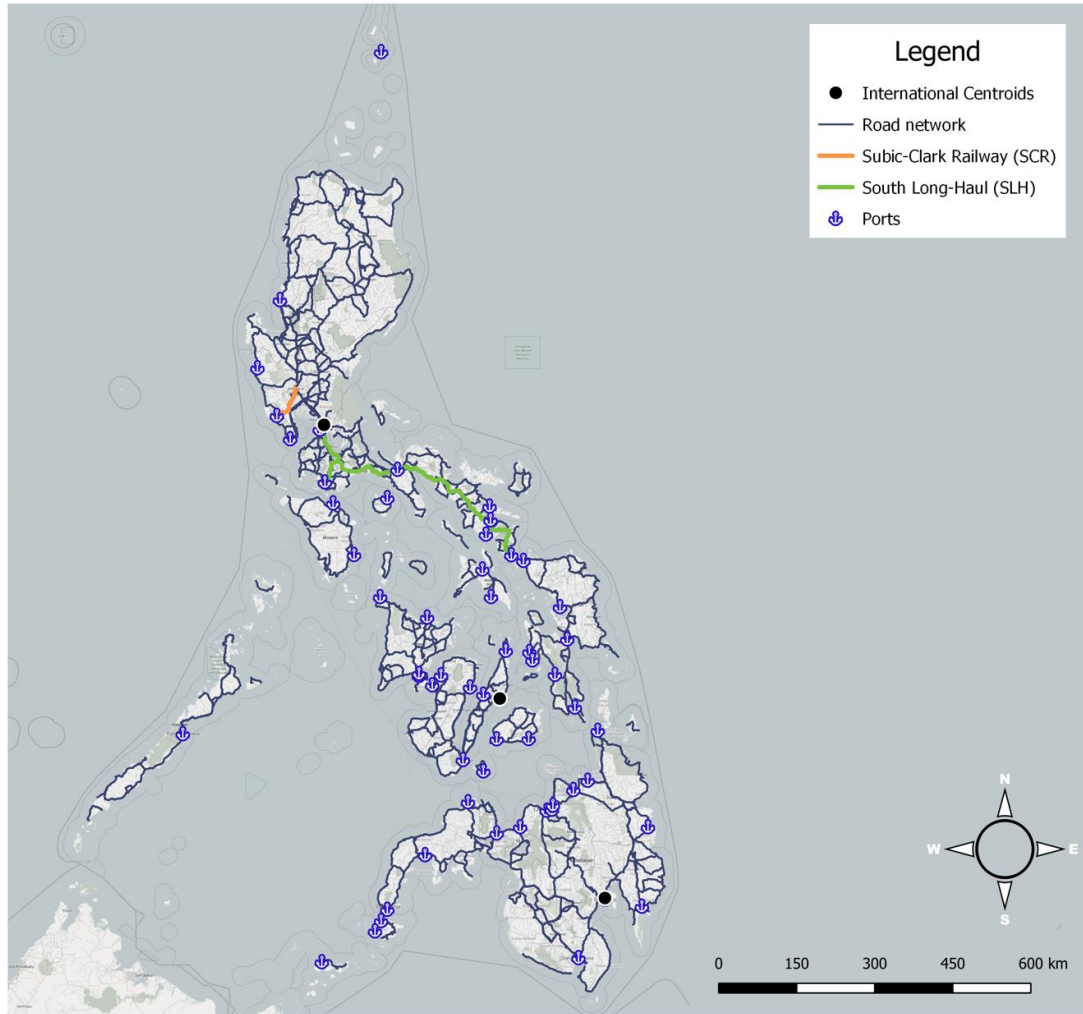
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Transport infrastructure updates encompassed three main tasks: road capacity, the number of ports and airports, and rail infrastructure.

1. Road-specific characteristics, like the number of lanes and speed limit, were updated. These variables are crucial for the model to assign trade flows throughout the road network. Capacity is measured by the number of trucks that circulate in a specific segment. The national model identifies 4 main road transport corridors distributed on the islands of Luzon, Panay, Cebu and Mindanao.

Network updates – Part 2

Philippines rail network



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2. Additional entry/exit points to/from the Philippines for the international movement of goods were considered. In total, 12 new ports were included in the model. These new ports allow the model to capture better international trade and freight transport through nautical highways.

3. Rail infrastructure updates were made based on stakeholder consultations and desk research. Two rail corridor proposals, the **SCR** and **SLH**, were kept in the model with additional information on the estimated year to begin operations, capacity, speed and factors influencing costs.

The visualization tool

Introduction to the dashboard

Components



Background datasheets

Composed of direct results from the model and divided into tables according to the needs



Metadata

Includes the scenario description and the overall framework



Dashboard

Showcases 8 interactive figures to explore additional results from the 3 freight transport decarbonisation scenarios

The screenshot shows the dashboard header with the International Transport Forum and SIPA logos. The main content area features a circular diagram with icons for a ship, a truck, a train, an airplane, a factory, and a CO2 cloud, all connected by a dashed line. Below the diagram are four buttons: 'Current Policy Scenario' (grey), 'Climate Ambition: Green Fleet' (green), 'Climate Ambition: Seamless Intermodality' (green), and 'Start' (orange). Text on the right explains the dashboard's purpose and provides instructions on how to explore scenarios.

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Welcome to the SIPA-T Philippines Dashboard

SIPA
Sustainable Infrastructure Programme in Asia

The present Dashboard facilitates the visualisation of the environmental, trade and transport implications of current freight transport policies in the Philippines

It also considers the results of alternative scenarios for decarbonising freight transport in the Philippines

To begin exploring the description of the scenarios and the policy measures included in each one, click on one of the four boxes below

Current Policy Scenario

Climate Ambition: Green Fleet

Climate Ambition: Seamless Intermodality

Start



Visualisation tool zoom in

Environment

Figure 3 - Variation of freight transport CO₂ emissions compared to the current policy scenario



Figure 2 - Variation of CO₂ emissions compared to 2022



Figure 1 - Freight emissions by mode



Trade

Figure 6 - Transport modal share in the Philippines

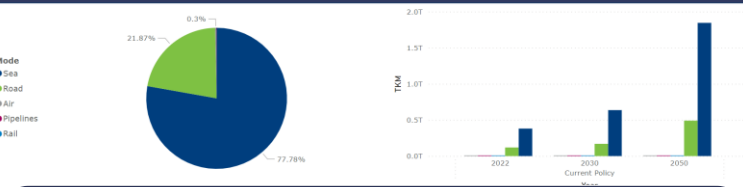


Figure 5 - International trade compared to 2015 by regions

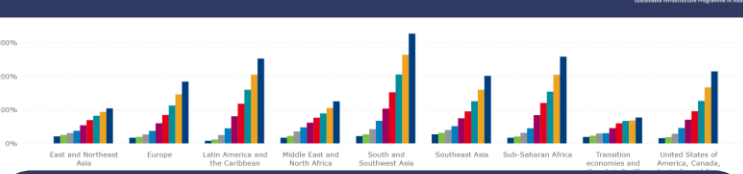


Figure 4 - International trade commodity mix



Travel time and costs

Figure 8 - Variation of transport costs compared to the current policy scenario in 2050

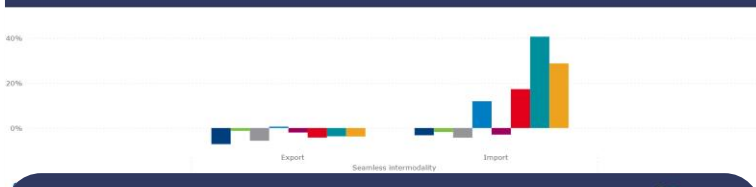


Figure 7 - Variation of travel times compared to the current policy scenario in 2050



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Next Steps

After this meeting

- The ITF team will share with all registered participants of this session:
 - The tool itself
 - This PPT/training manual
 - A methodological note explaining in more detail the methodology on which the tool is based
- The dashboard will be embedded in the SIPA-T Philippines website (<https://www.itf-oecd.org/decarbonising-pathways-freight-transport-philippines>)
- New results and figures will be included in the dashboard
- The inputs and outputs of this study will complement the future SEA regional study, to be launched in 28 April 2023



DECARBONISING PATHWAYS FOR FREIGHT TRANSPORT IN THE PHILIPPINES

Dissemination Meeting

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Welcome remarks



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High-level Opening Panel Session

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10:00 -11:30

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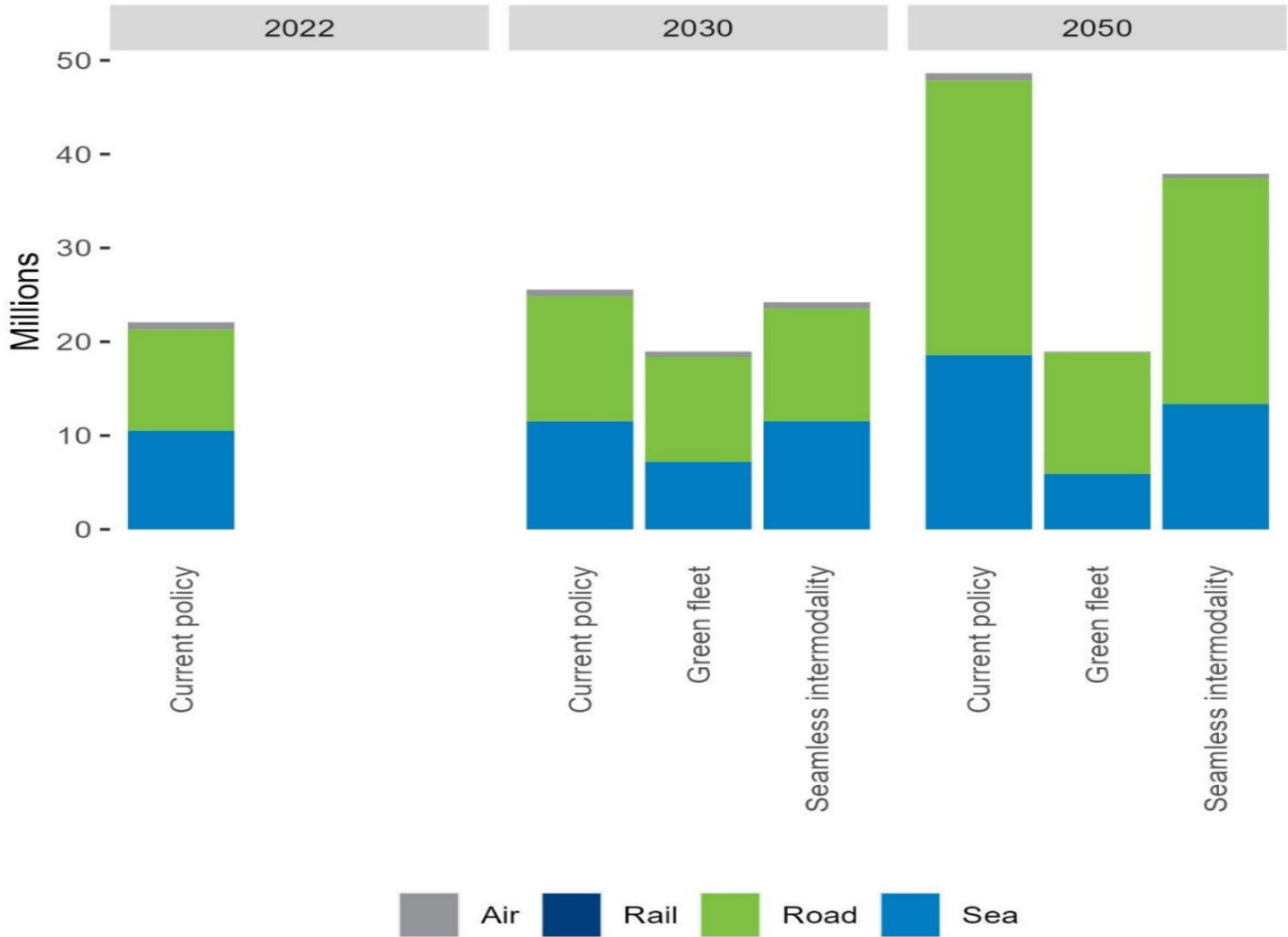
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Lunch break

11:30 – 13:15

In-Focus Policy Dialogue – Part 1

What are the strengths and missing elements of the Philippines' current decarbonizing freight transport agenda?

13:15 -14:15

RESULTS OF THE ITF CURRENT POLICIES SCENARIO FOR THE PHILIPPINES

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In collaboration with Philippines stakeholders we

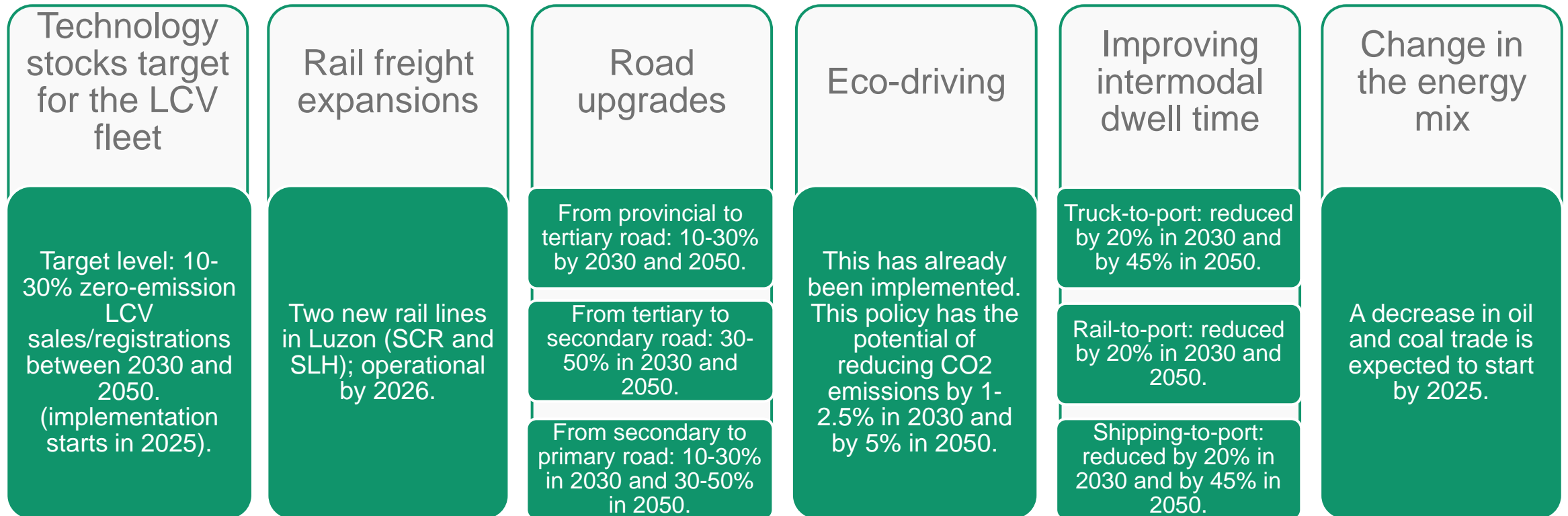
- Analysed **current transport policies** for the Philippines
- Reviewed the planned evolution of the **transport network** in the coming years
- Updated **international trade** data by commodity and mode
- Inclusion of the three main **nautical highways** and other ferry connections

Combining the effects of each measure, we projected the CO₂ emissions of the transport sector in the Philippines between 2019 and 2050



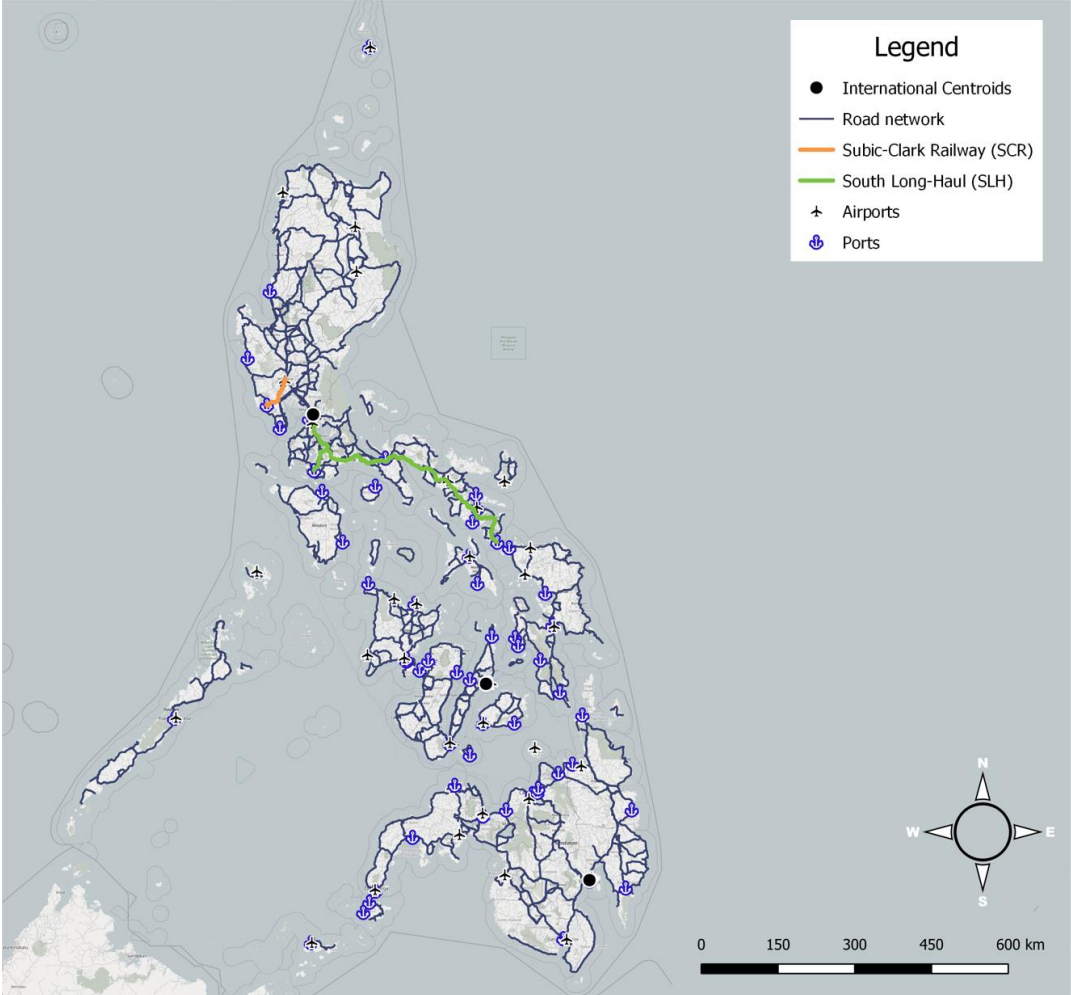
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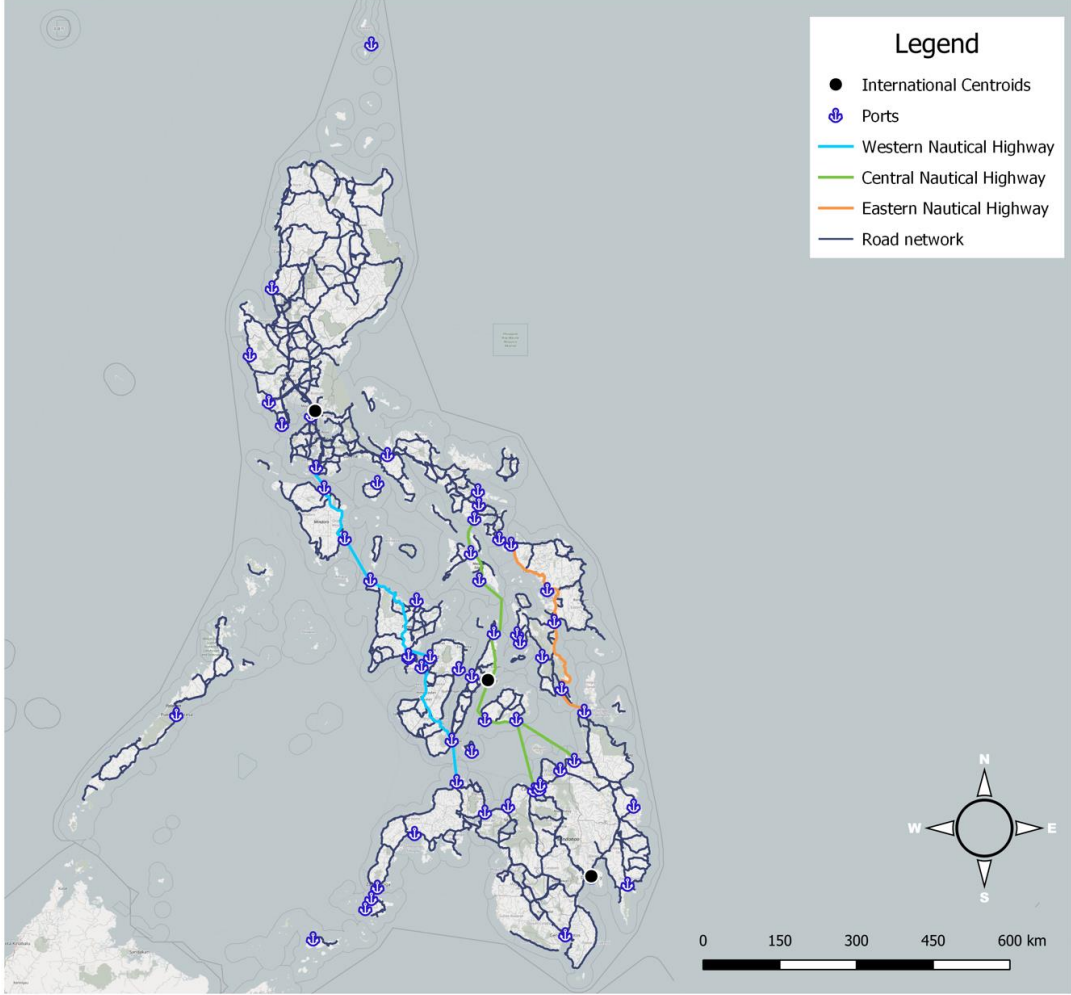
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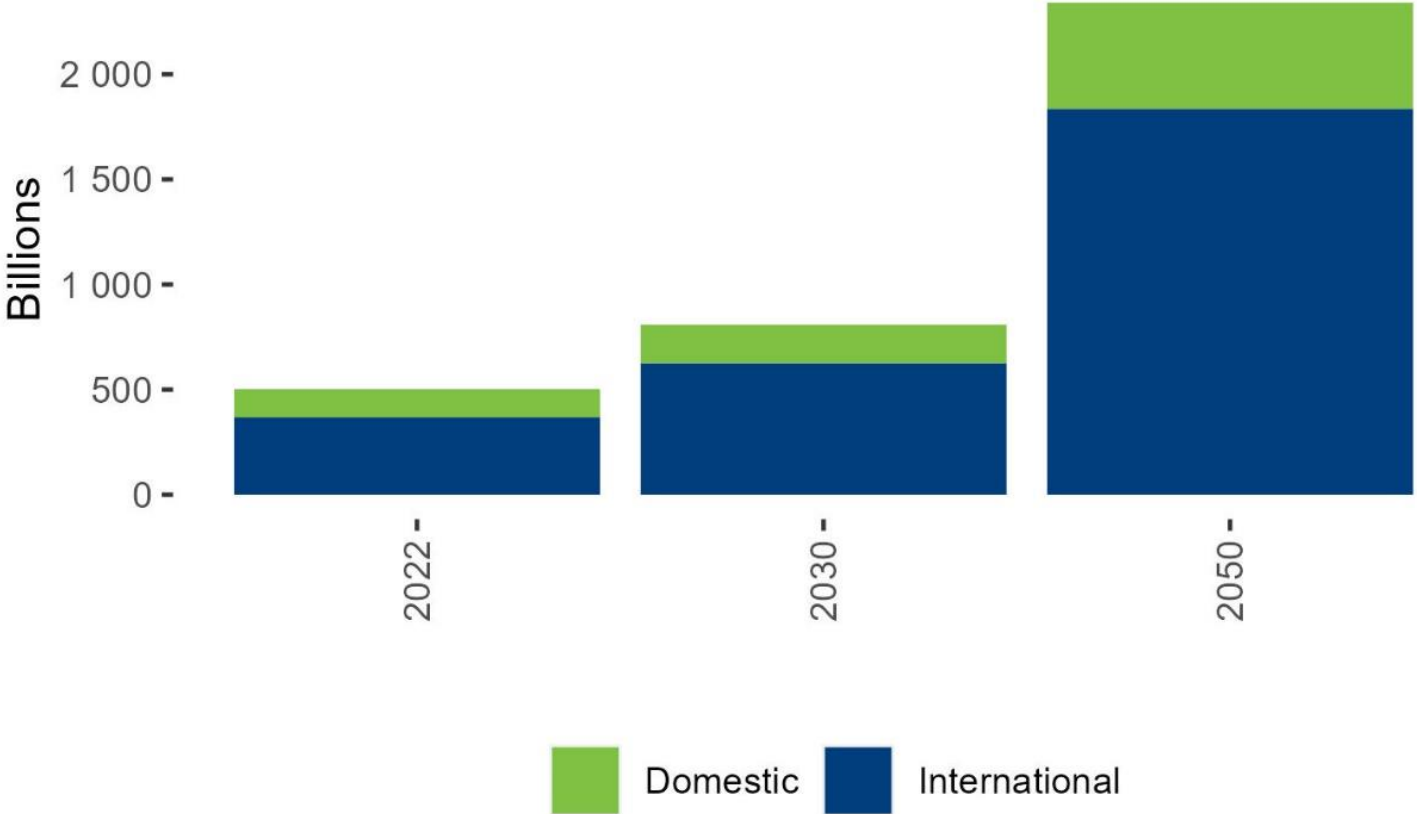
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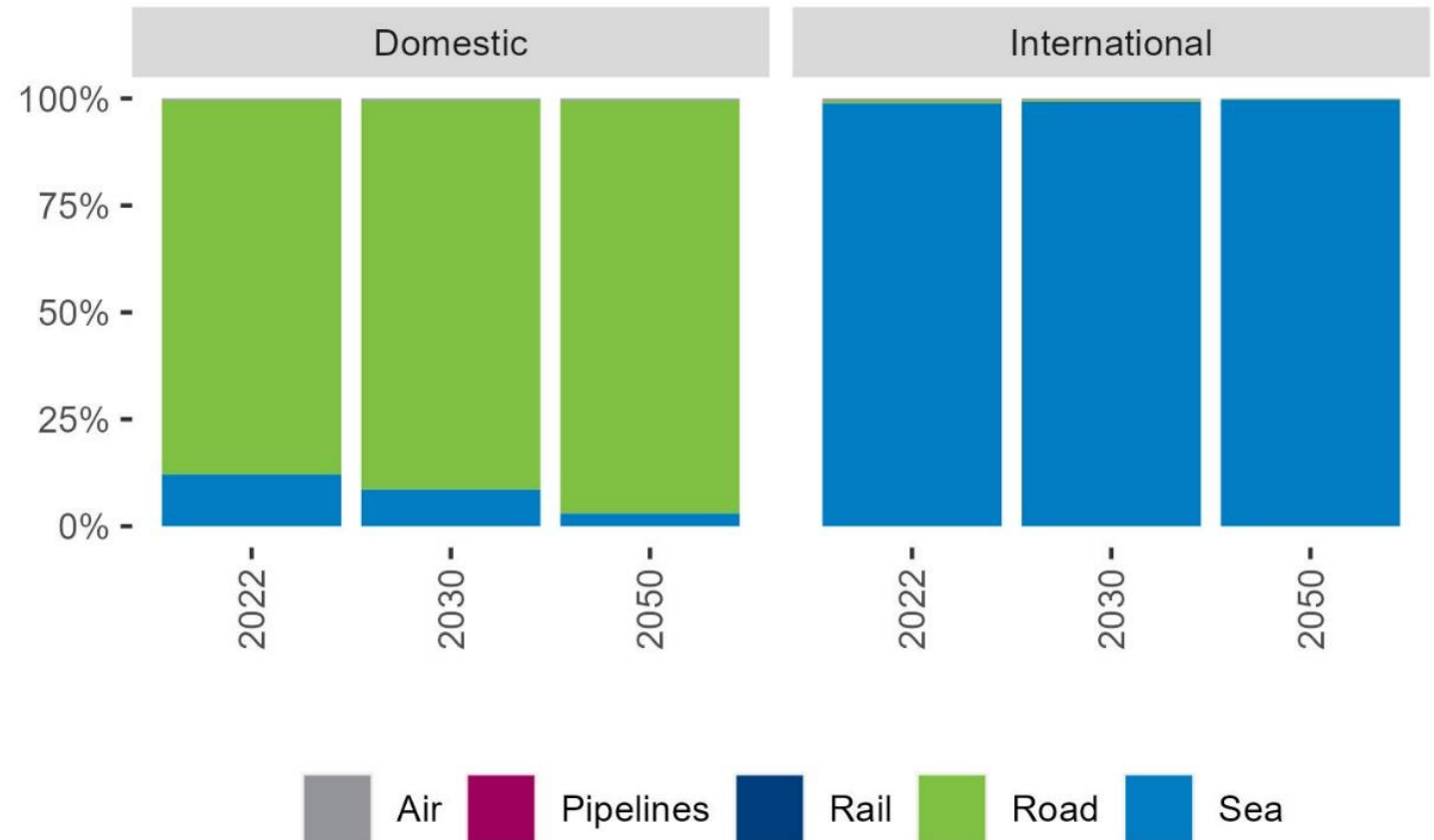
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In conclusion

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2. Maritime transport will be the dominant mode
3. Road domestic transport will represent the main source of emissions in 2050
4. It is essential to decouple freight transport growth and CO₂ emissions
5. Decarbonising trucks and promoting a modal shift towards more efficient modes are priorities for upcoming years
6. Decarbonisation must be done without ignoring the crucial role that sea-born freight represents for the country



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Coffee break

14:15 – 14:45

In-Focus Policy Dialogue – Part 2

What is the successful pathway to reaching the climate goal for freight transport in the Philippines?

14:45 -16:15

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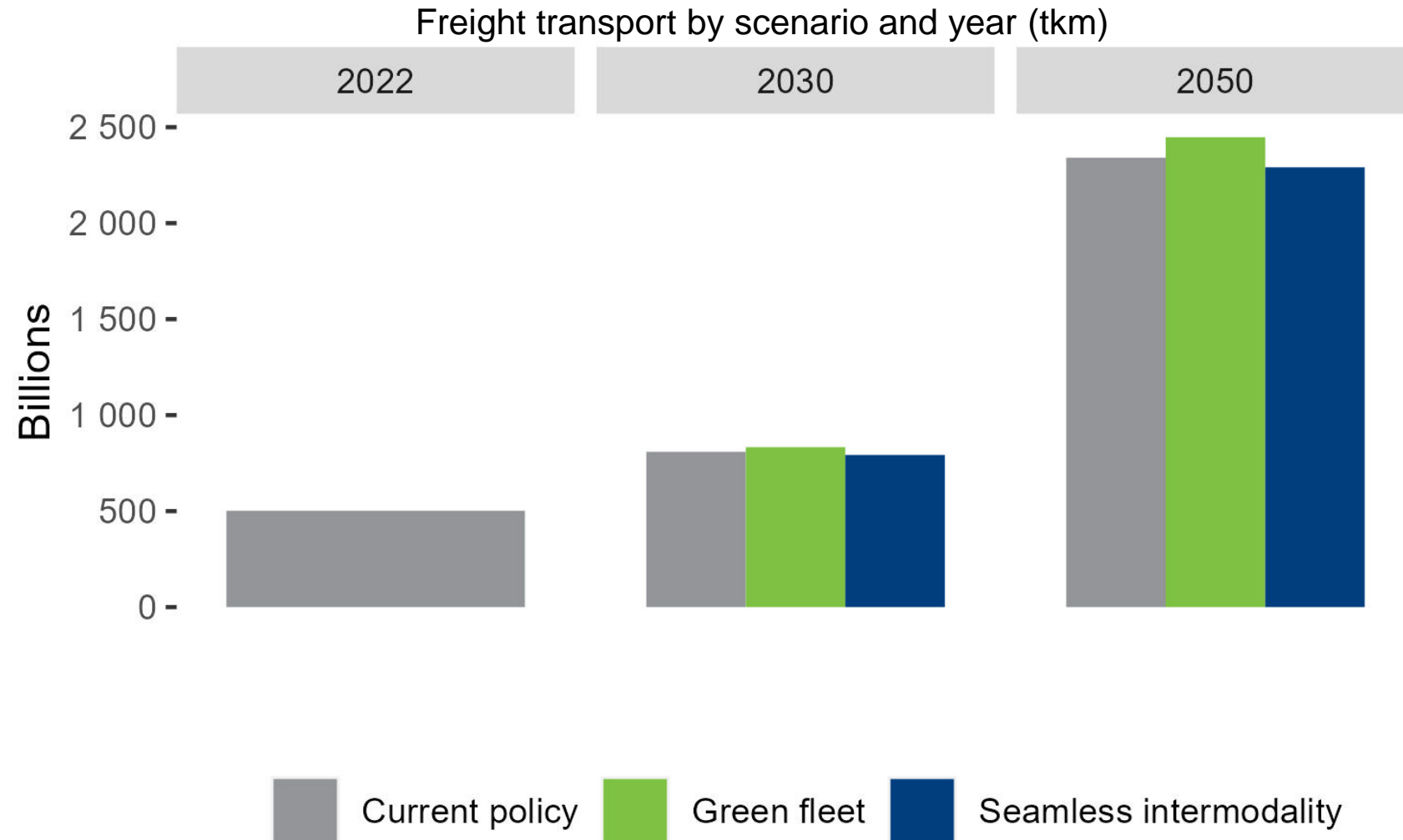
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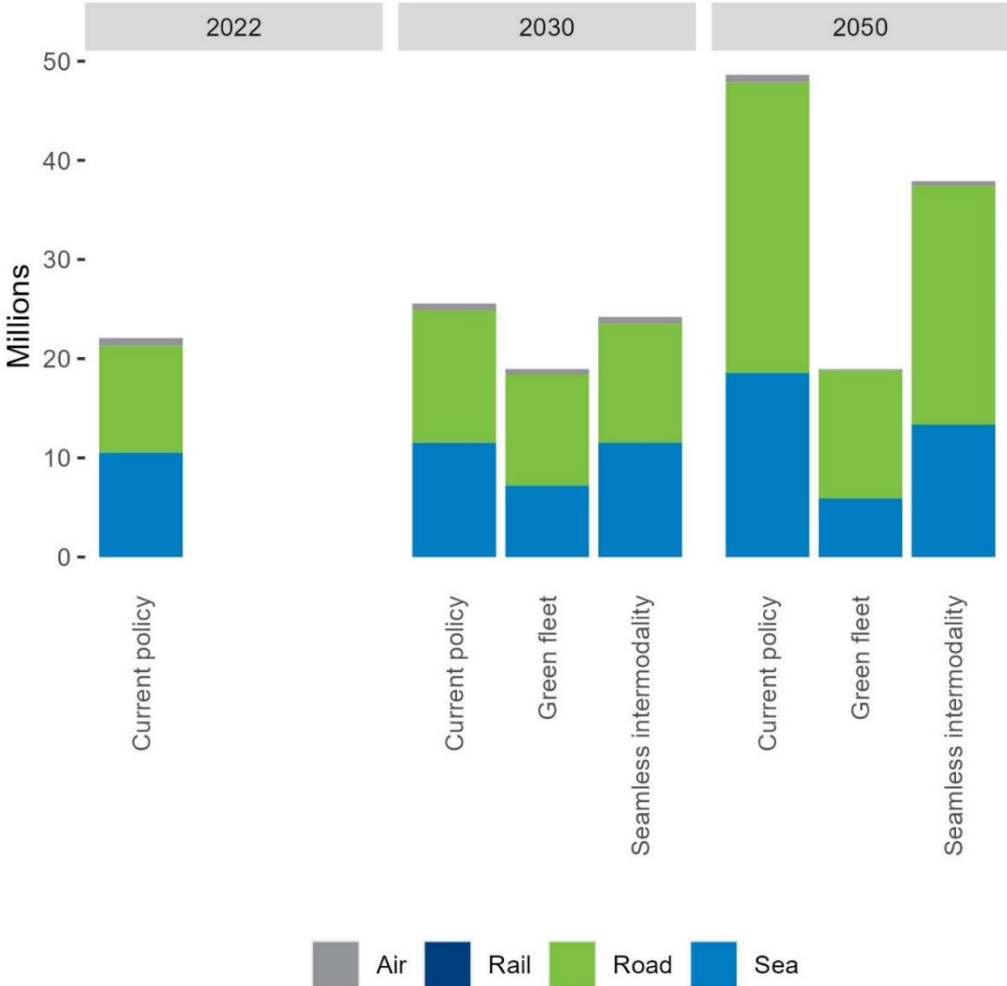
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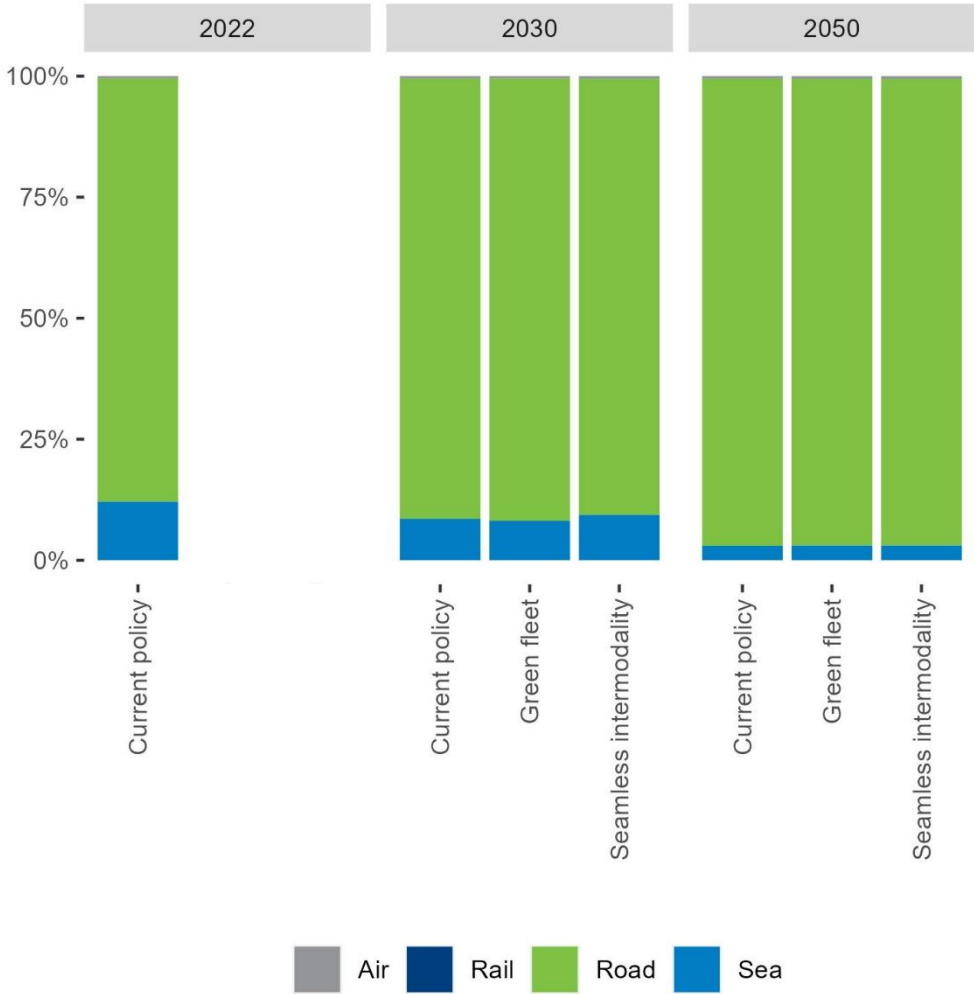
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