

Activities of the Group of Experts on Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation for Inland Transport (2020-2025)

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the Group's key tasks:

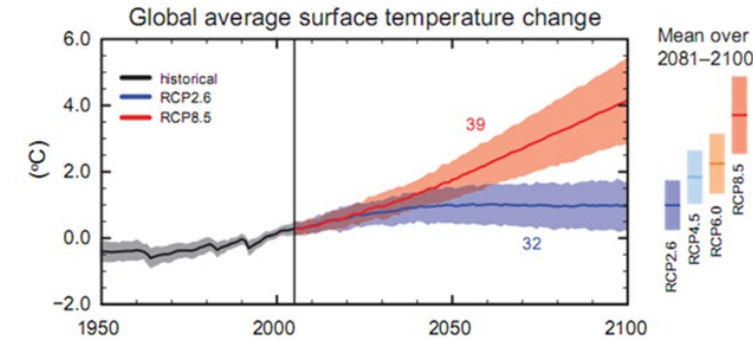
- (i) raise awareness, build capacity and integrate knowledge from countries and the scientific community on climate change impact assessment and adaptation for transport, and
- (ii) further advance the state of knowledge, the analysis of climate change impacts on inland transport and identification of suitable and costs-effective adaptation measures

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Expected outputs:

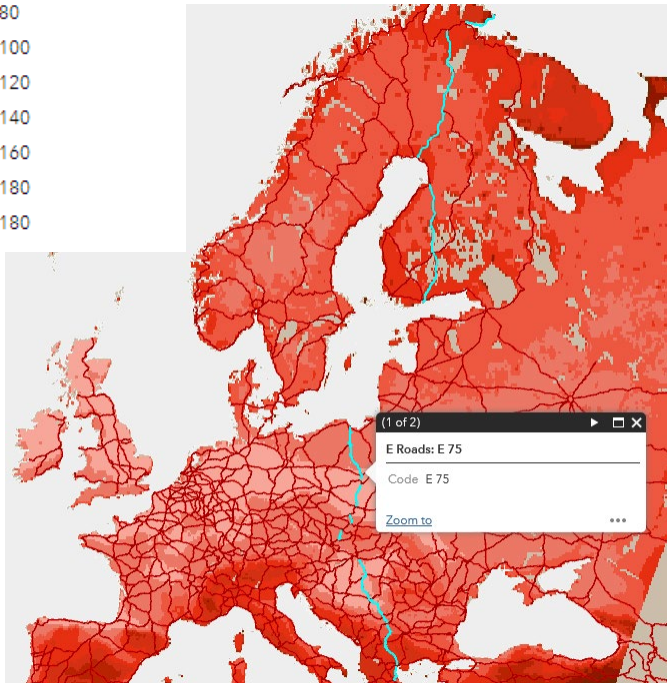
- Maps overlaying climate change projections and transport assets
- Analysis of possible impacts, areas of vulnerability
- Review of national projects
- Database of (successfully implemented) adaptation measures
- Guidelines for integrating climate change considerations in planning and operational practices

Maps overlaying climate change projections and transport assets/ Analysis of possible impacts, areas of vulnerability



Warm spell duration index

Scenario 8.5 (mean)



In focus:

- High temperatures
- Heavy precipitation

In consideration:

- Windstorms

Analysis is done looking at weather phenomena thresholds such as 25, 32 and 43°C (for temperatures) and 50, 100 and 150mm (for precipitation) to relate it to infrastructure relevant parameters

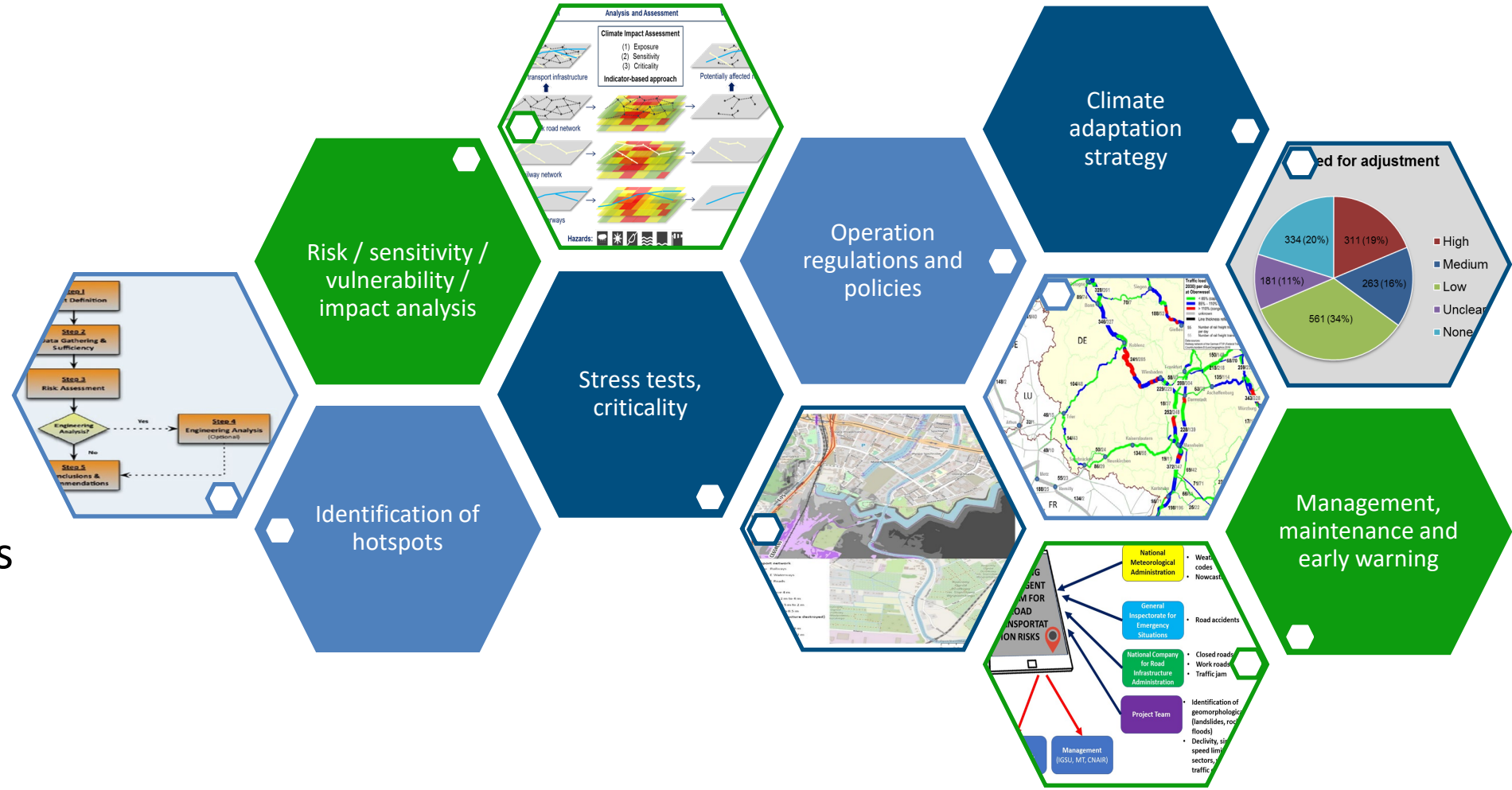
The analysis is to answer the following questions:

- Can we expect changes to thresholds?
- How should these changes be considered in terms of infrastructure construction parameters

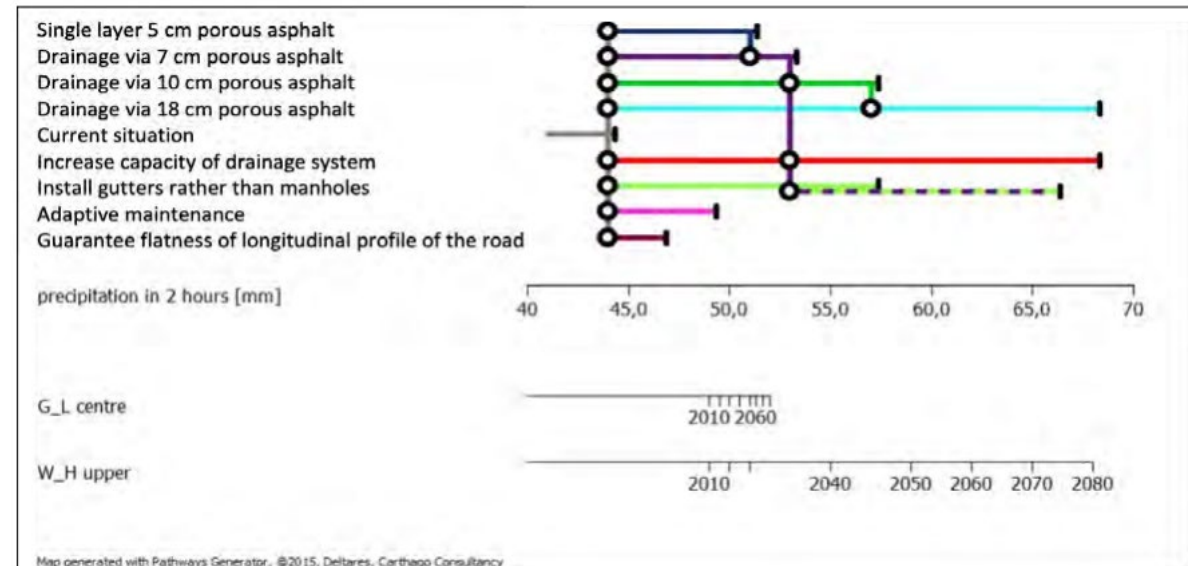
Review of national projects

Review of:

- Approaches
- Methodologies
- Practices
- Tools
- Lessons learned from past events



- Implemented adaptation measures in transport – limited availability
- Research on adaption pathways in transport – consideration on elaboration of a guide on use of adaptation pathways in transport



Guidelines for integrating climate change considerations in planning and operational practices



- Business cases for adaptation (economic losses)
 - Dissemination of questionnaire on losses from incidents caused by climate change/extreme weather events => collaboration with UIC, TEM, TER (create understanding on the level of losses due to delays, disruptions and damage)
- Guide/standard for conducting transport asset stress test to climate change hazard(s) (*can the asset maintain its level of service in view of the climate change hazard vs intervention programme would be needed*)

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- Conference in Moscow on 15-16 November 2021 held to raise awareness and exchange experience in work on climate change impacts on transport and adaptation work
- Transport Research Arena 2022 Conference in Lisbon (November) will be informed about the work of the Group of Experts
- Joint work between France, UNECE and UNESCWA to hold in the first half of 2023 a workshop on climate change and climate adaptation for the Mediterranean region

Thank you

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