Indicators for Sustainable Urban Transport in Europe
Overview and examples

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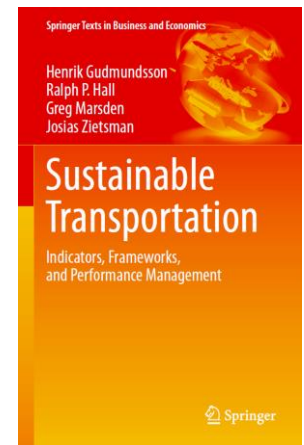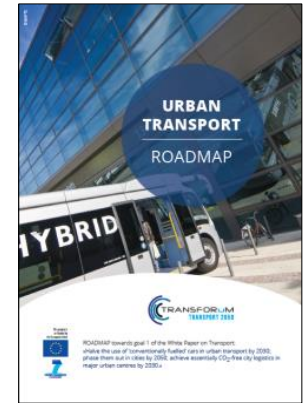
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- 18 year as head of section/researcher in the **Danish Ministry of Environment**

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- *New book: "**Sustainable Transportation** - Indicators, Frameworks and Performance Management" Springer 2016 (co-authors, Hall, Marsden, Zietsman)*

Overview

1. The role of indicators in Sustainable Transport Assessment

2. The European Union Sustainable Transport policies

3. Examples of European assessment frameworks and indicator systems for urban transport

   – City Statistics

   – European Green Capital Award,

   – CIVITAS indicators
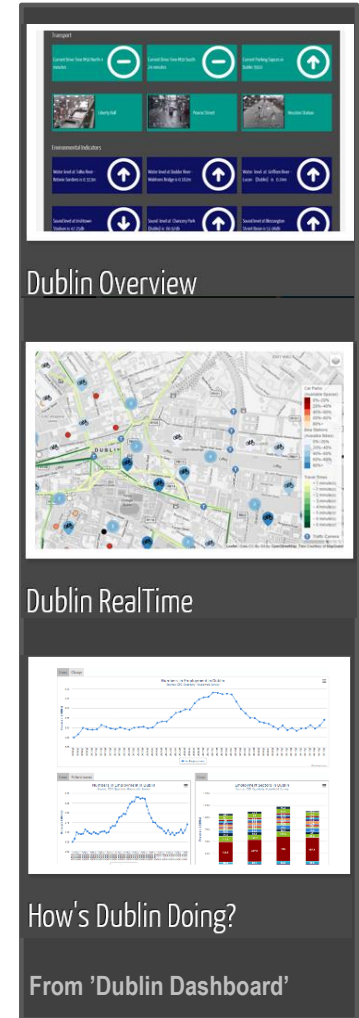
4. Summary

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Indicator systems are essential for Sustainable Transport Assessment

- Transport systems have **multiple impacts** of significance for Sustainable Development

- **Complete knowledge and models** of sustainable transport systems are not available; **approximations** are needed

- Policy **goals and measures for sustainable transport** need to be assessed ex ante, monitored in real-time and evaluated ex post

- What is **not measured and compared** cannot be **managed and improved**

Definition and role of indicators

- **Indicators** are **variables** that are selected to represent key properties of systems and phenomena of policy interest

- Indicators are **measurable** using quantitative or qualitative values, but do **not provide complete information** on systems or phenomena

- Indicators are **intended and used** for descriptive, normative or prescriptive assessments of sustainable transport
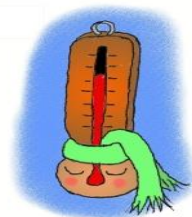
Dublin Overview

Dublin RealTime

How's Dublin Doing?

From 'Dublin Dashboard'

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Different applications of indicators

Describe and Inform – What is going on ?

Review and Explore – How are we doing?

Diagnose and Explain – How did we get here?
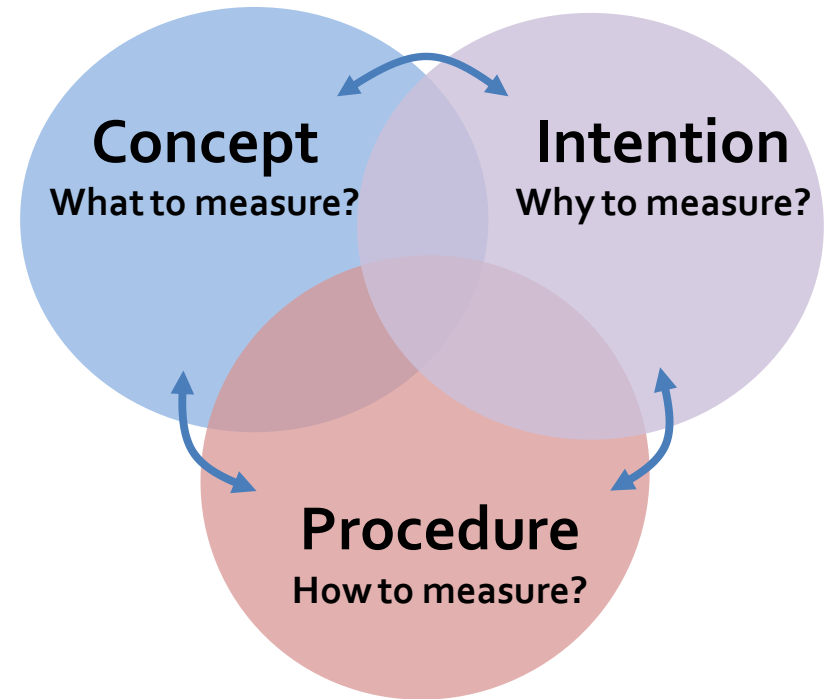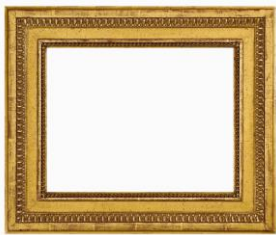
Plan and Decide – What should we do?

Account and Compare – Who accomplished what?

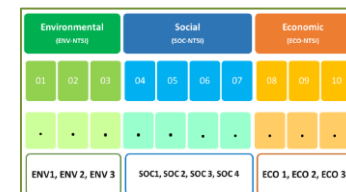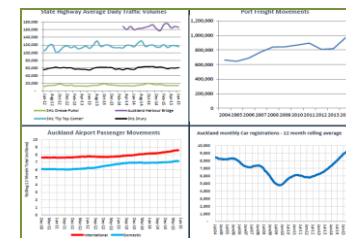**Improve and Learn – How can we do better?**

Frameworks are essential

- Indicators are embedded in **frameworks** that are conceptual and procedural constructs

- Frameworks **organize** how indicator systems are designed, managed, and applied

- Frameworks provide **focus** and **structure**

Concept
What to measure?

Intention
Why to measure?

Procedure
How to measure?

Some indicator framework types

Type	Features
System	• Measuring transport system conditions and performance, • 'State of repair', 'Traffic vol.', 'Mode split'
Pillar	• Measuring according to Environmental, Economic, and Social impacts of transport • 'Emissions', 'Costs', 'Access'
Goal	• Performance compared to specified goals and performance targets, • 'reduce delay 10%', 'o fatalities'