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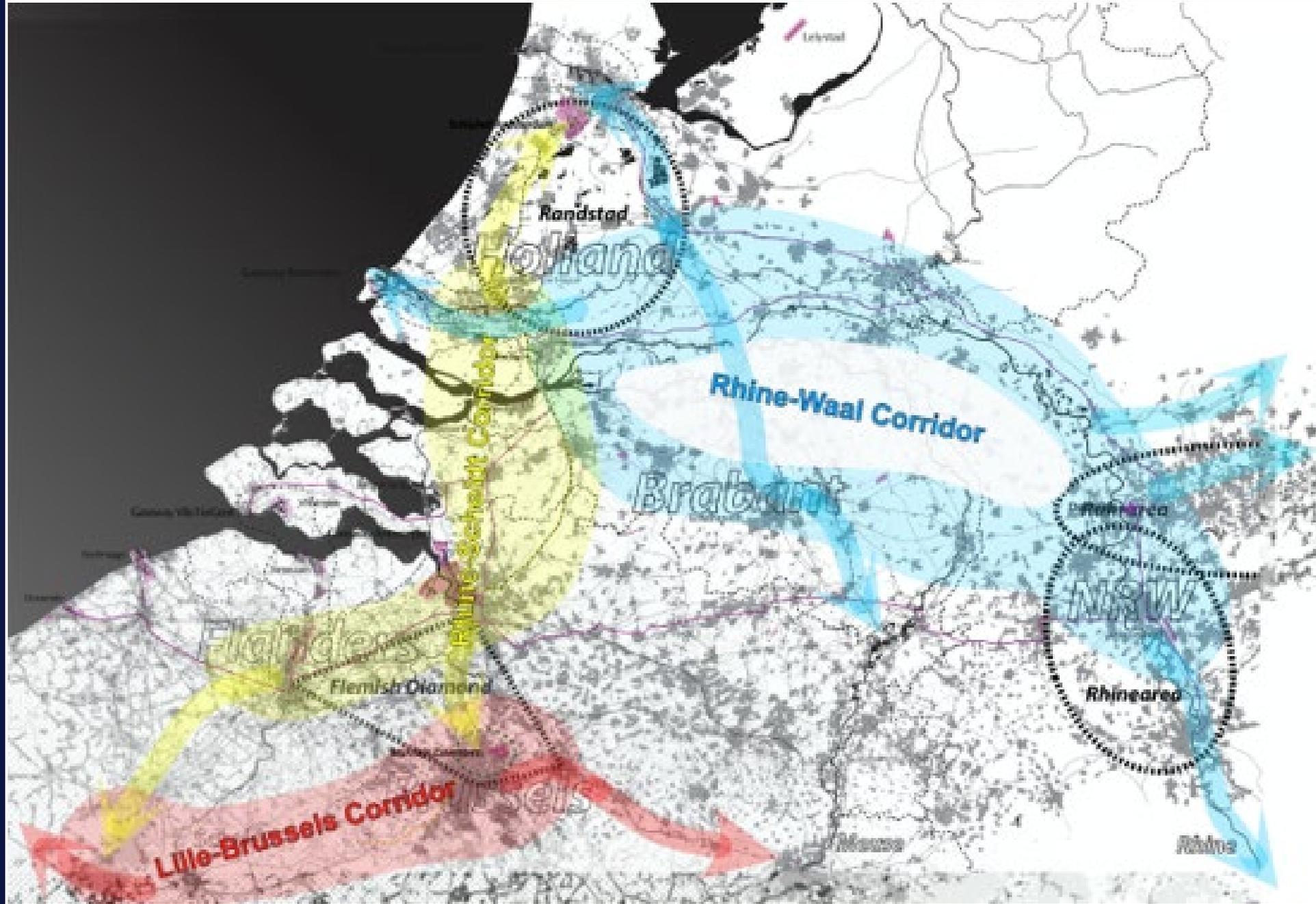
Sustainable Transport Infrastructure in the Strategic urban region Eurodelta (STISE)

Targeted analysis

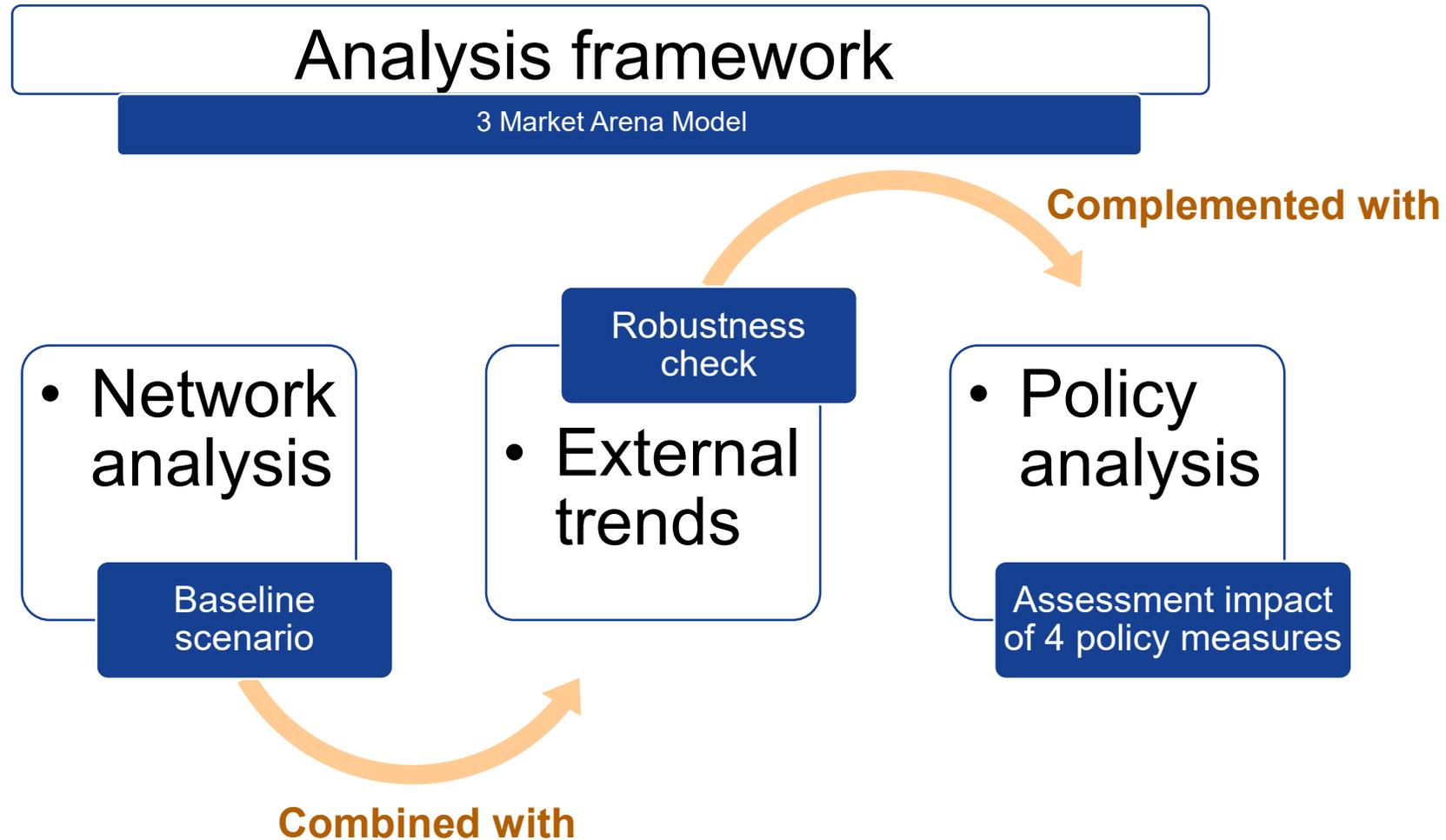
Main Components final report – Key results and main insights

Context and objective STISE study

- **Moving up a gear in the Eurodelta** will be necessary to make the region more attractive and sustainable and to help achieve the targets set in European agendas. Bold **policy choices** will have to be made.
- The **main study objective** is to explore if, and to what extent, the Strategic Urban Region of the Eurodelta (SURE) is – and could be even more - moving towards greener mobility that contributes to the European sustainability goals.



Approach



Policy analysis

Aviation shift on short/midrange distances

Zero Emission Zones in all large cities

The potential of MaaS

Improving regional cross-border public train transport

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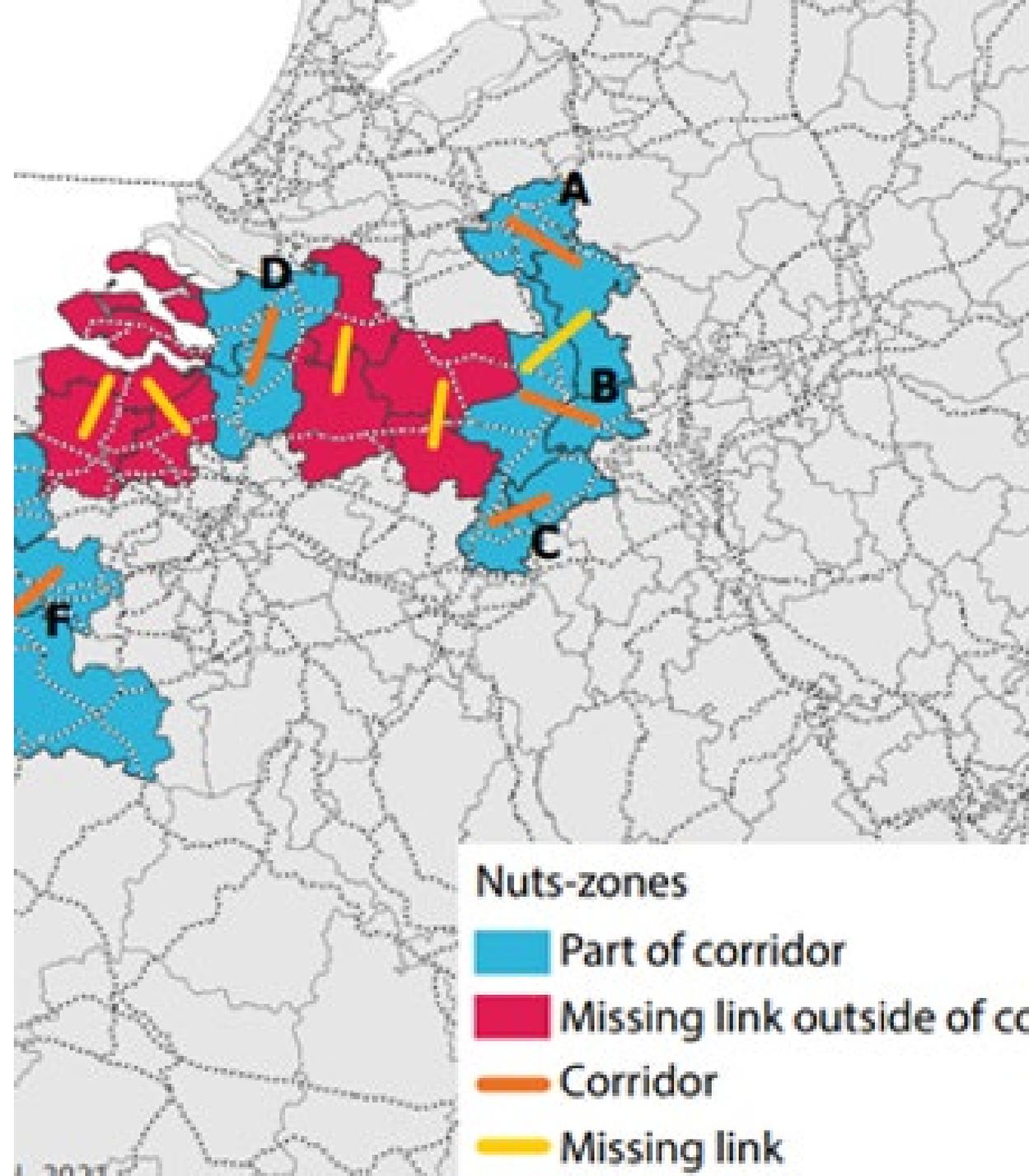


Description policy measure

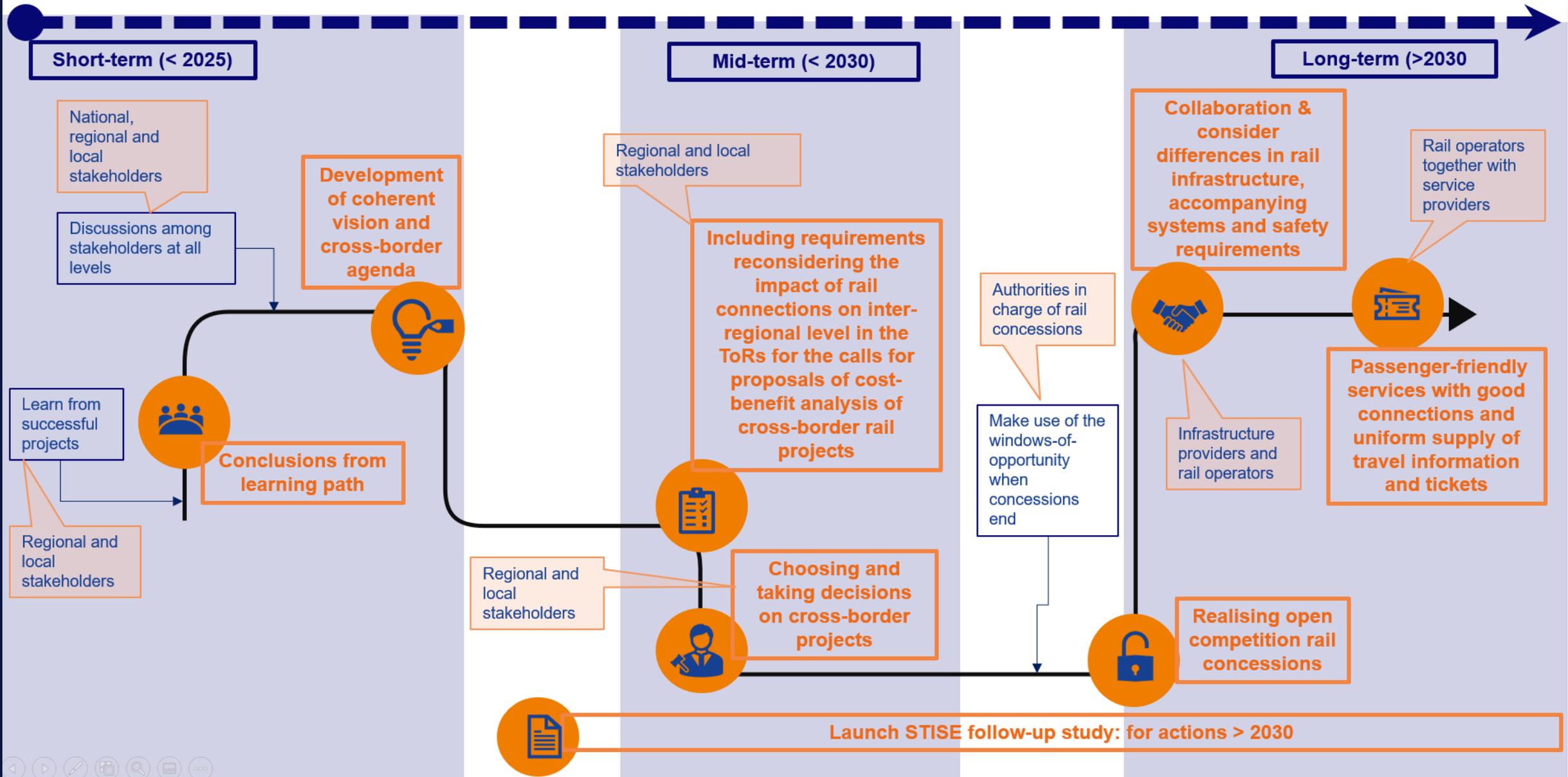
This policy focuses on the improvement of regional cross-border public train transport in the 3 STISE project corridors Rhine-Waal, Rhine-Scheldt and Lille-Brussels. The goal of this measure is to result in a shift from road to rail transport for regional cross-border passenger travel.

Impacts of the measure

The assessment of the policy ambition to improve cross-border rail transport has shown that a shift from road to rail could be realised for several cross-border corridors in the SURE area. There is sufficient demand to operate profitable rail services, if the cross-border connections are well integrated with the national rail and bus services and passenger-friendly services are provided. The measure has the potential to contribute to more sustainable transport and is in-line with plans of the European Green Deal. Compared to the overall emissions in transport, the potential emission reduction of this measure is limited, since the regional cross-border passenger segment is rather small. However, the policy should be seen in the broader context of a shift from road to rail.



Policy Roadmap Improving cross-border public train transport in the SURE area



Conclusions and potential of STISE

- The Eurodelta has a great potential to set an example in Europe in the ambitious pursuit of achieving sustainability goals. Given its location, its corridors full of challenges and the drive of many involved stakeholders in this region, this region can be an interesting and promising pilot area to try to implement ambitious policies and concepts and thus demonstrate the sustainability gains that can be made. If this could be achieved in the Eurodelta, it could serve as inspiration for other regions – only imagine the potential effect at larger, even EU, scale.
- This study could only be the tip of an iceberg:
 - The inspiration and willingness – to cooperate at SURE level, to dream big and to make things happen - of the involved STISE stakeholders is high.
 - Many other ambitious policy measures could be explored - and just as many challenges examined - in detail as well.
 - In addition, the policy roadmaps of the 4 policy measures show that additional research is needed - so there is potential in that too. This research can and should be a booster; an incentive to initiate and look for funding for subsequent research in order to facilitate actual implementation of the measures.

Study results available on <https://www.espon.eu/sustainable-transport>