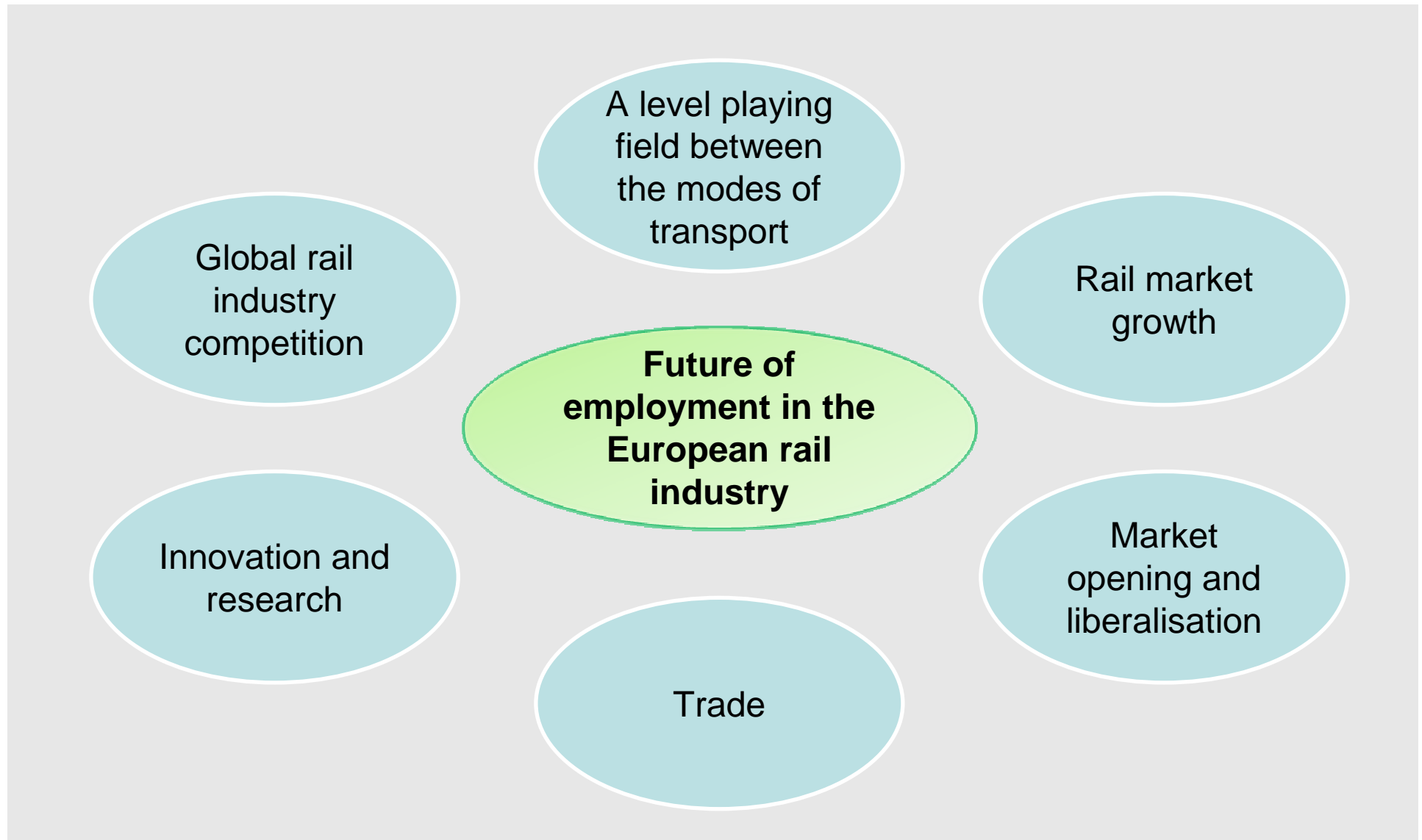




The prospects of employment in the European rail industry

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The employment situation today

Today, no precise figures exist for Europe. Estimations for some European countries are these:

Country	Direct Jobs	Indirect (est.)	Total Rail Industry Jobs (est.)
France	17 000	13 000	30 000
Germany	45 600	150 000	196 500
UK	90 000	90 000	180 000
Poland	20 000		20 000+

Note: These figures are only for the railway manufacturers. The train operators and the railway sector as a whole employs significantly more people in Europe

Only a growing home market will allow to maintain the high employment levels in Europe

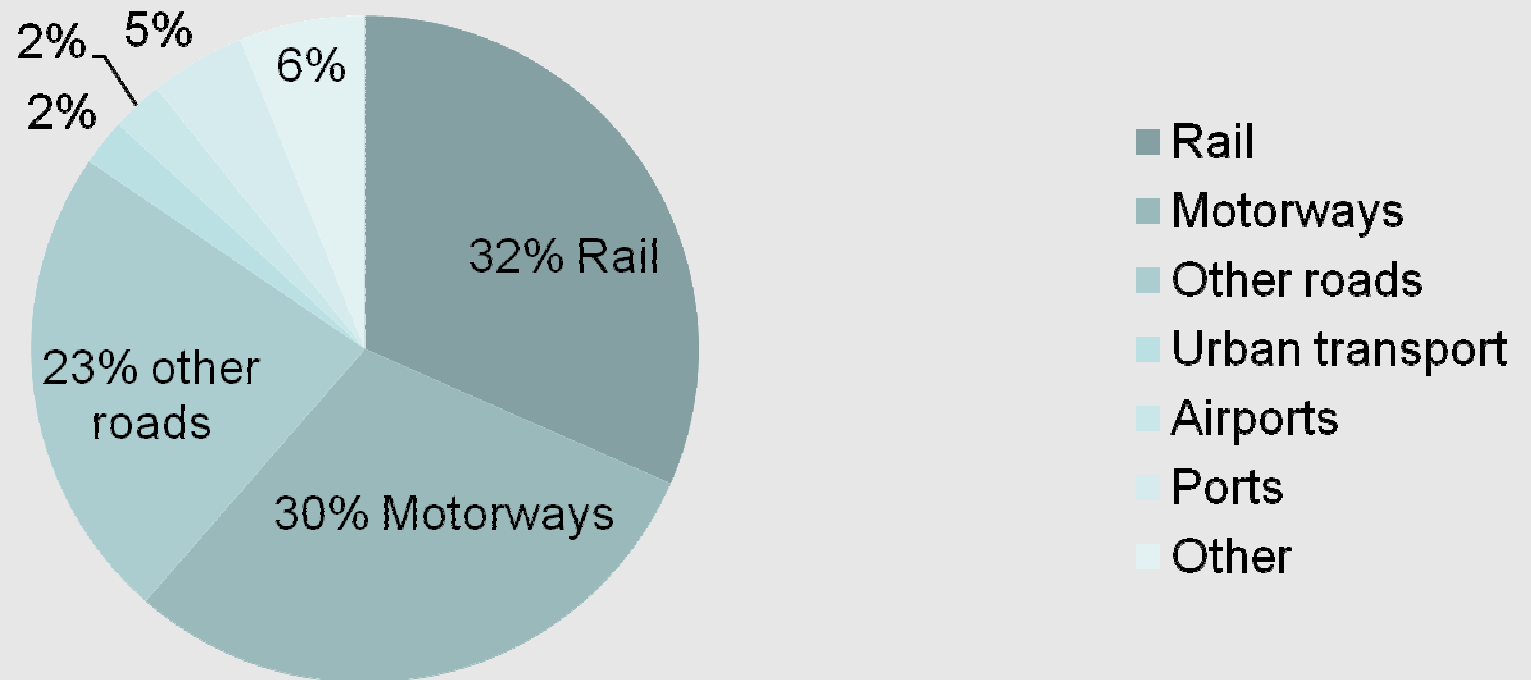
This will require higher investments in rolling stock and infrastructure in Europe than what we see today.

However, investment levels in Europe are dropping:

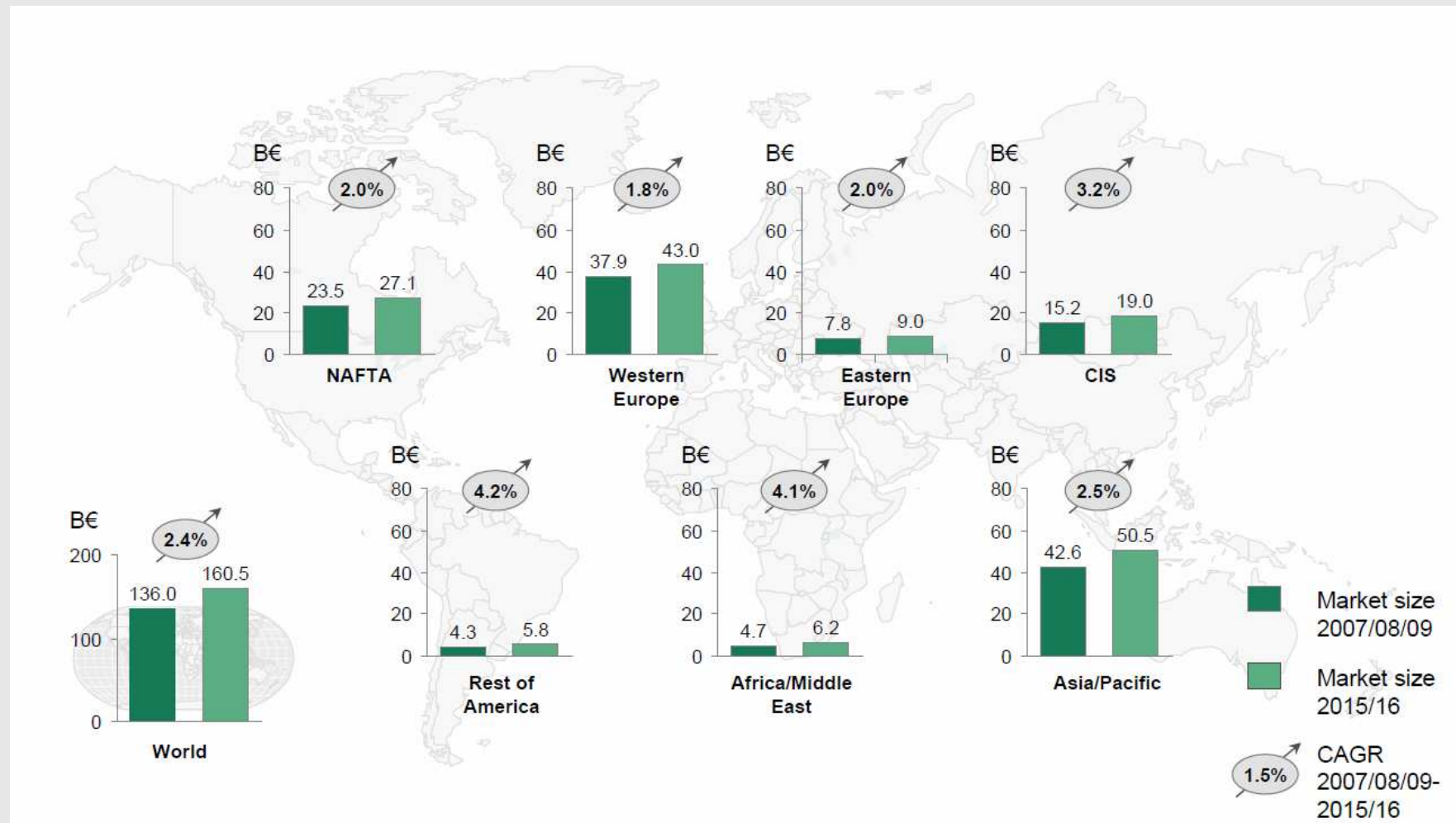
- **Tight national budgets allow for less investments**
- **Cohesion Funding goes mainly into the road sector (construction of motorways in PT and many CEEC)**
- **The market shifts away from Europe**

Cohesion expenditure is and important source on infrastructure investments in many countries. However, 53% is invested in road and only 32% in rail

Planned Cohesion Policy Expenditure on transport, 2007-2013, in %



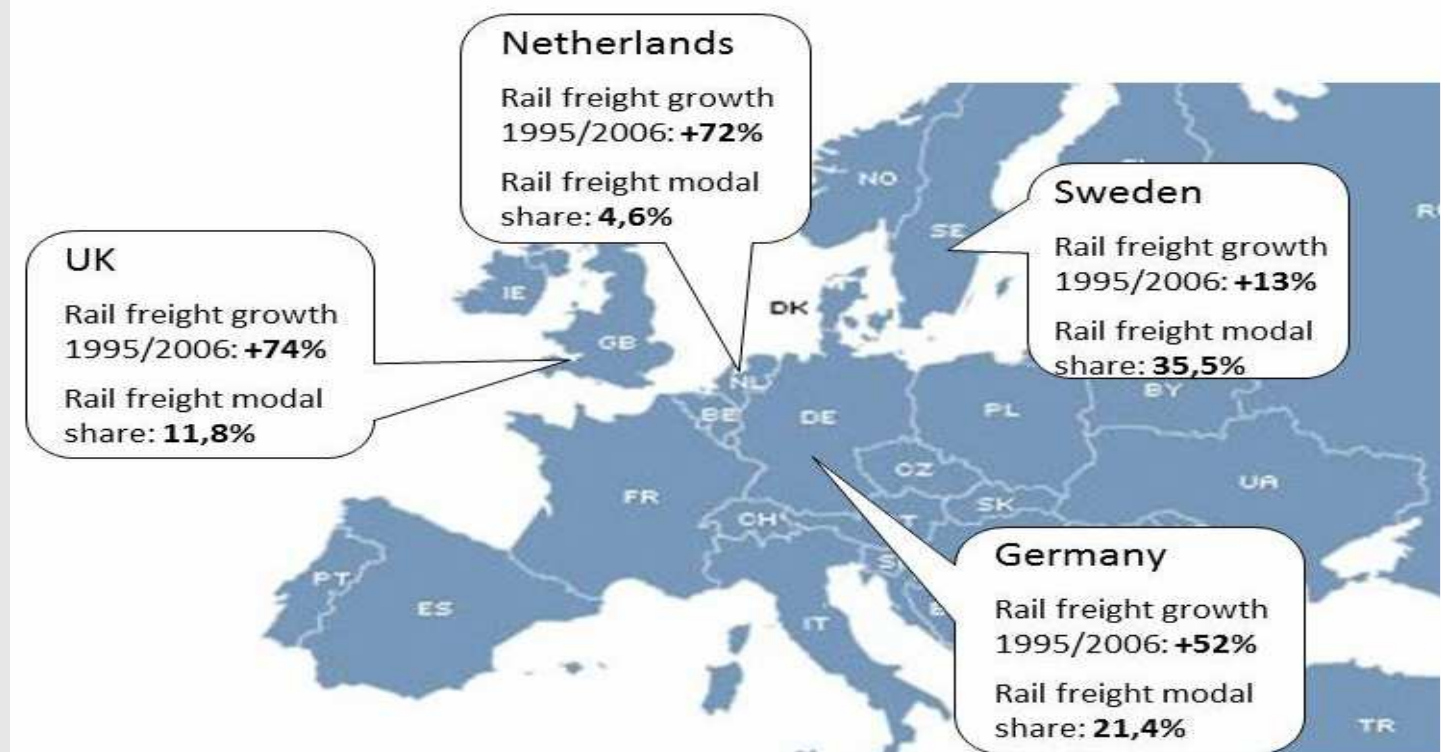
Where rail market growth will take place in the coming years



Source: UNIFE World Rail Market Study, September 2010

Liberalisation and market opening leads to growth and to growing employment

Countries that have opened their rail markets saw significant growth of rail transport



Growth and modal share of rail are highest in countries where the liberalisation of the rail freight market is most advanced

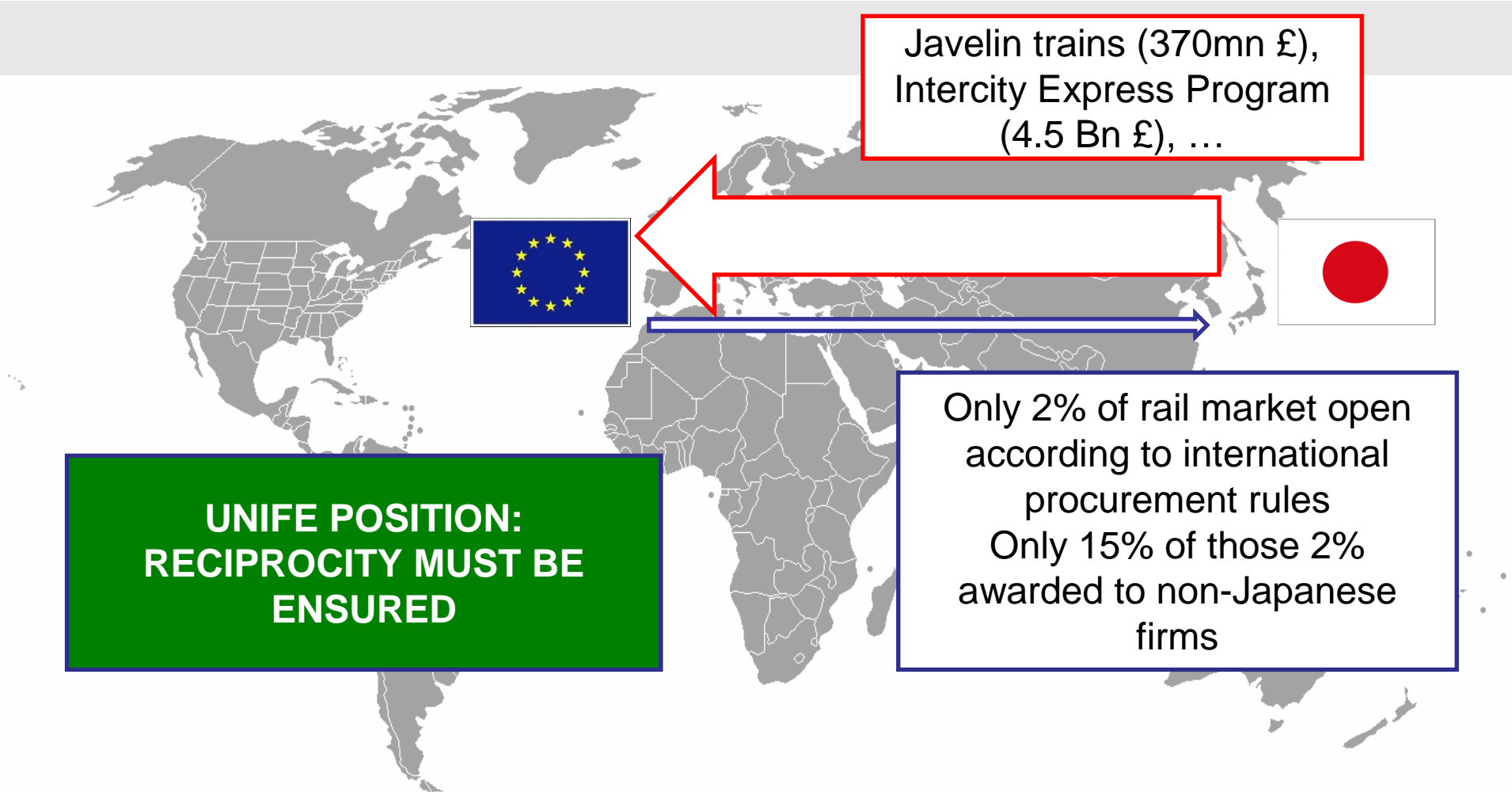
Consequently, employment grew in the rail sector

Examples

- **Following privatisation passenger numbers increased by more than 50% and hence the railway sector employs today more people in the UK than during the times of British Rail**
- **In the UK and Sweden the growth of railway transport makes it difficult to find enough qualified personnel**

Export opportunities are important for the European rail industry

**However unfair trading practices of European partners make exports difficult.
The key example is Japan.**



Javelin trains (370mn £),
Intercity Express Program
(4.5 Bn £), ...



**UNIFE POSITION:
RECIPROCITY MUST BE
ENSURED**

Only 2% of rail market open
according to international
procurement rules
Only 15% of those 2%
awarded to non-Japanese
firms

Europe cannot compete with low labour cost countries such as China over price. In order to maintain its position of global leadership Europe must invest in research and innovation

Europe must continue to be the place where global railway standards are set. European products, such as ERTMS are successfully exported

Research and innovation is fostered for other modes of transport

- **The CleanSky JTI and the Joint Hydrogen Initiatives are major private-public partnerships for the aviation and the automotive industry**
- **The rail industry needs a similar undertaking to define the railway system of the future**

Rail transport is today set at a clear disadvantage vis-à-vis other modes of transport in spite of its sustainability in social and environmental terms.

This situation must be addressed

The Eurovignette is a step in the right direction but severe inequalities persist for instance in the field of taxation

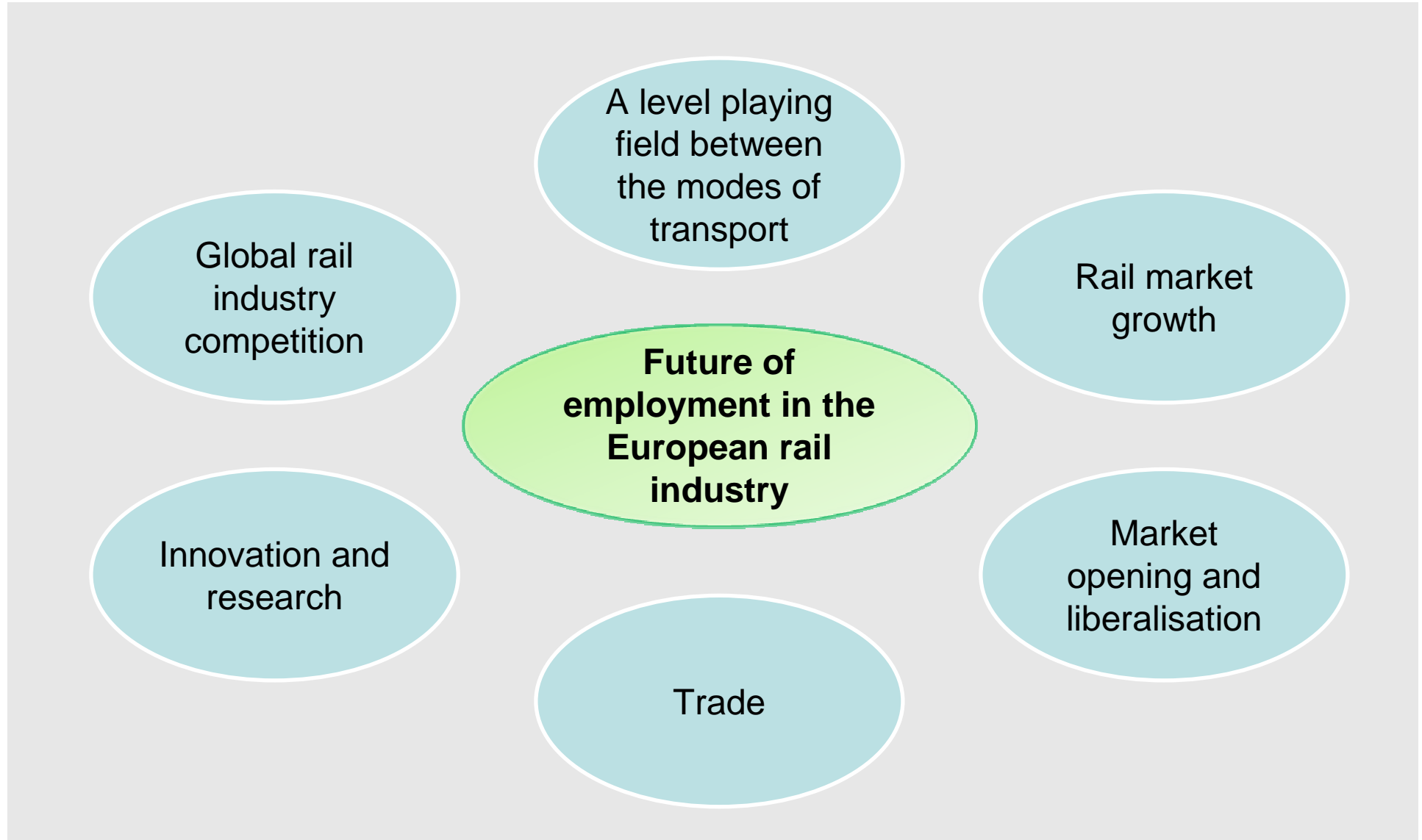
An unfair taxation system between the different modes of transport

	Rail Transport	Road Transport	Air Transport	Maritime and Inland Waterways Transport
VAT on International Passenger Tickets	YES	YES	NO	YES
Energy and Fuel Tax	YES	YES	NO (De jure total exemption)	NO (De jure total exemption)
Emissions trading scheme	NO	NO	YES	NO
Infrastructure charges	YES	Optional	Only for airports	Only for ports

The Commission proposes many very useful measures in the new White Paper on Transport which was warmly welcomed by the railway sector

Now the proposed measures must be implemented

If the measures of the White Paper are implemented the European railway industry and the rail sector as a whole can continue to provide high quality green jobs.





Thank you for your attention

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