EU noise policy update

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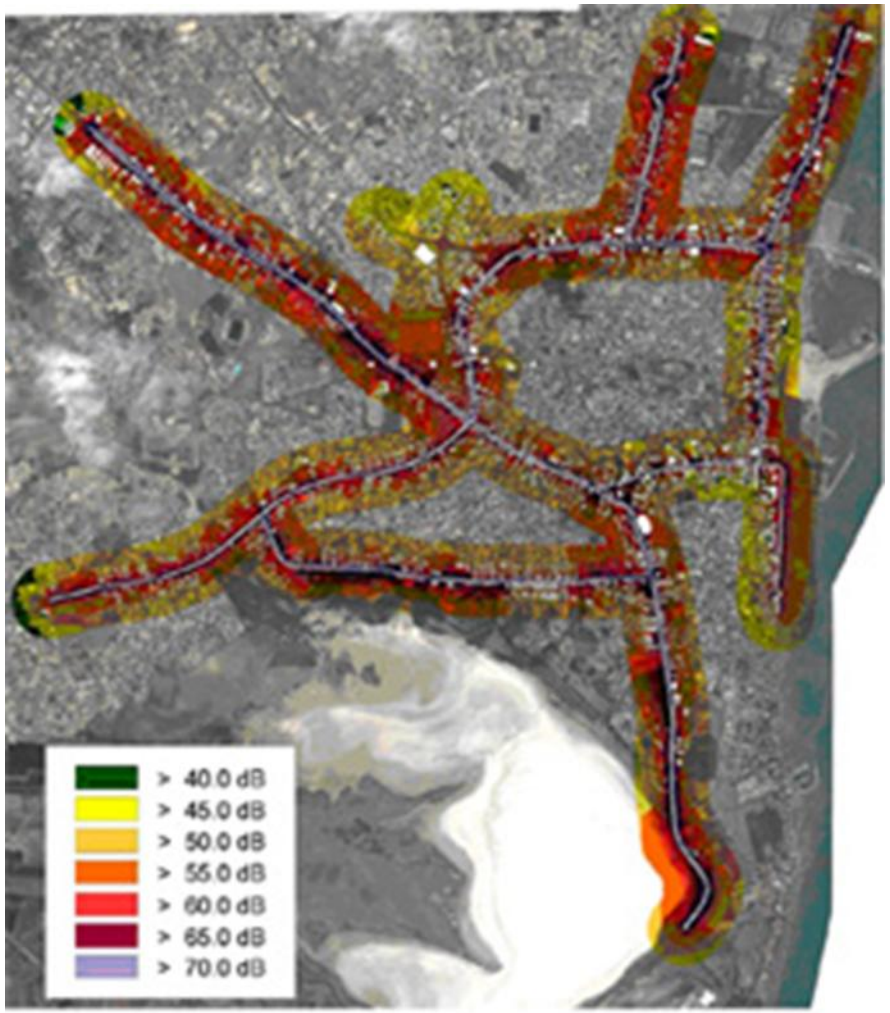
Revision of Annex II

- lack of comparable and common assessment methods → inconsistencies in exposure estimates
  - between different countries
  - within a single country
  - across the reporting rounds



Revision of Annex II

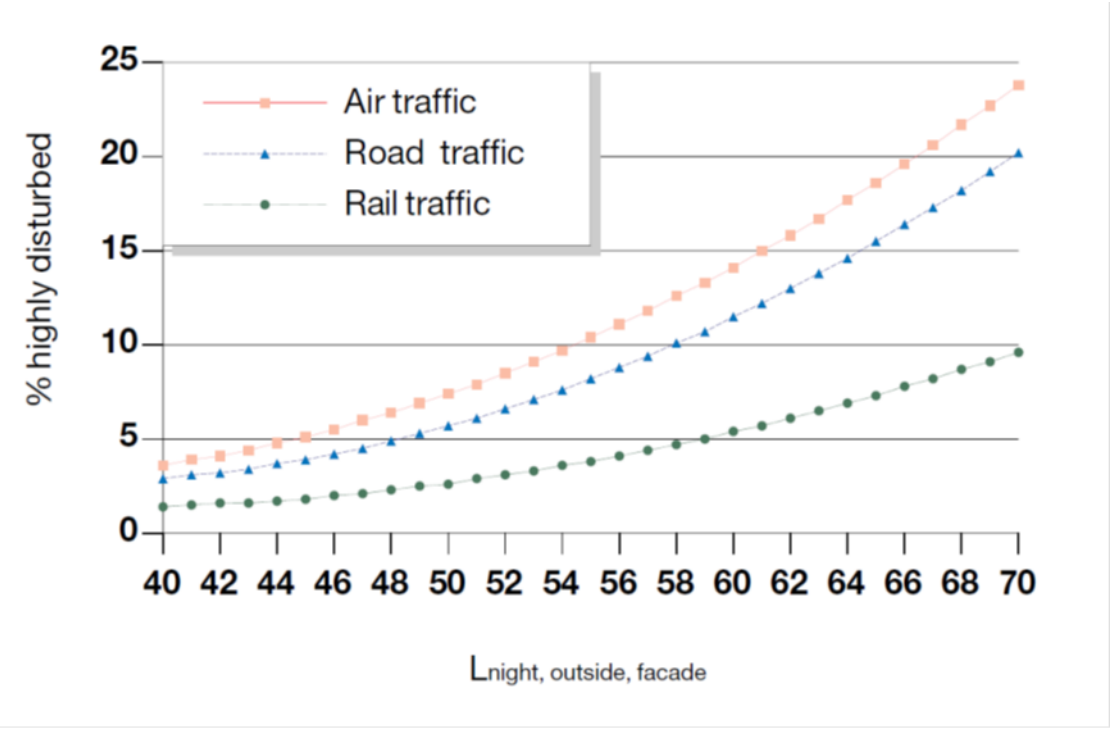
- COMMISSION DIRECTIVE (EU) 2015/996 = CNOSSOS-EU

- legislative process:
  - July 2014 – positive opinion from Noise Regulatory Committee
  - second half of 2014 – translation into 24 official EU languages
  - first quarter of 2015 – scrutiny procedure by European Parliament and Council
  - 1 July 2015 – publication in Official Journal

- next steps
  - COM to explore ways to discuss emerging implementation issues with MS as they arise
  - after 31 December 2018 – mandatory implementation

Revision of Annex III

- establish methods to assess the harmful effects of noise by means of dose-effect relations
- should concern:
  - annoyance ~ Lden
  - sleep disturbance ~ Lnight



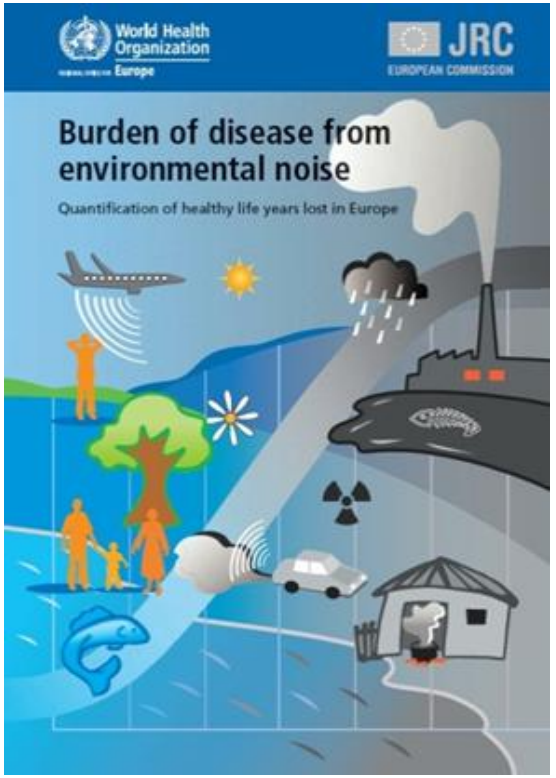
Revision of Annex III

Process

- Feb 2015 – first meeting of Noise Regulatory Committee on this topic
- Sep 2015 – first draft developed by COM (with placeholders), discussion in Committee

Planned next steps

- 2016 – fine-tuning of the draft
- 2016/2017 – vote



Regulatory Fitness and Performance

- **aim:**
  - **assess existing EU legislation**
  - **to make it more effective and efficient**
  - **without compromising policy objectives**

REFIT of END

Implementation

- designation
- competent authorities
- noise limits and targets
- quiet areas
- strategic noise mapping
- action plans

An update of the 2011 implementation report

Evaluation

- effective and efficient?
- coherent with other EU legislation?
- match current needs?
- additional value?
- benefits, costs and burdens

Retrospective, with some prospective elements

END REFIT

Methodology

- work led by external contractor (CSES/Accon/URS)
- EU internal Steering Group (SG, MOVE, RTD, JRC, GROW, EEA)
- consultation of stakeholders through questionnaires/interviews/workshop/online consultation

Timeline

- Nov 2014 – beginning of process
- spring 2015 – collection of data
- Sept 2015 – workshop with stakeholders

Planned next steps

- until 28 March 2016 – online public consultation
- end 2016 – evaluation report
- beginning 2017 – implementation report

Preliminary findings

- **Delay in implementation**
  - Due to lack of political will to allocate resources
- **Designation of agglomerations, roads, rails, airports**
  - Lack of clarity of definitions (agglomeration, quiet area)
- **Competent authorities**
  - Complex competency arrangements leading to delays

Preliminary findings

Implementation 2

- **Noise limits and targets**
  - Majority of MS (21) have noise limit values
  - Less than 25% can confirm that these are being fully enforced

- **Quiet areas**
  - Most MS have developed criteria to identify quiet areas, but vast majority have still not designated any quiet areas

Preliminary findings

- **Strategic noise mapping**
  - Lack of (speedy allocation of) human and financial resources
  - Lack of adequate, compatible and reliable input data
  - Lack of effective internal coordination at national, regional and local levels
  - Data comparability issues

- **Action plans**
  - 1-year period between mapping and action planning too short
  - Lack of enforcement mechanisms for noise-reducing measures
  - Public consultation to be improved

Preliminary findings

- **Relevance**
  - Objectives remain relevant
  - Directive has a relevant, but non-stated, implicit objective: protection of citizens from excessive noise

- **Coherence**
  - Overall coherent
  - Some small issues for improvement

Preliminary findings

Evaluation 2

- **Effectiveness**
  - Common approach: introduction of CNOSSOS an important step
  - Informing source legislation: reasonably effective

- **Efficiency**
  - Admin costs overall reasonable
  - Costs declined in second round

Preliminary findings

Evaluation 3

- **EU added value**
  - Puts issue on agenda in MS
  - Important to inform source legislation

Public consultation

Accessible at

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/noise_2015_en.htm

Open until

28 March 2016!

Thank you for your attention!

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