

Pollution free environment and economic development: could it be a possible combination?

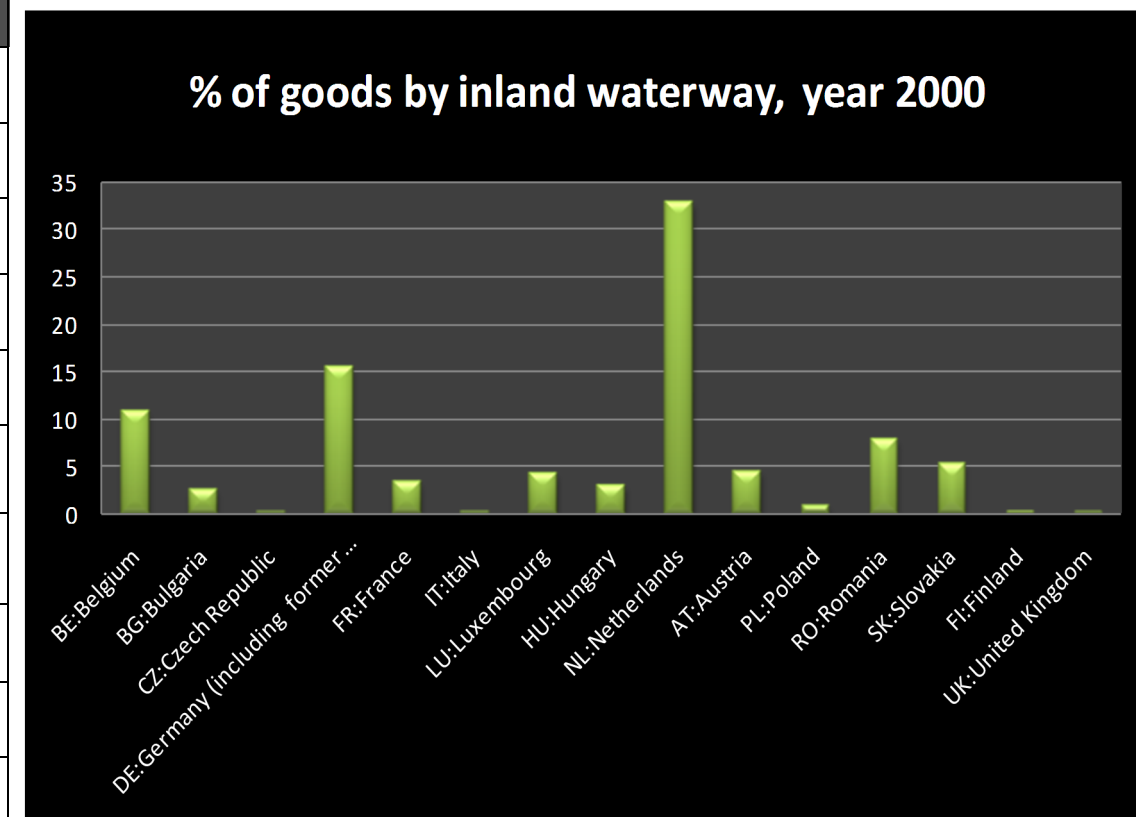
inland waterways in Europe

According to Eurostat, the Netherlands rank first among the countries with the highest percentage of goods transported by inland waterways (32.9%), followed by Germany (15.5%) and Belgium (10.9%).

Europe promotes a policy of the development of the waterway transports. Many important rivers cross the continent: the Rhine, Elbe, Meuse, Seine, Rhone and Po.

In some of these inland waterways transportation is already widely used, but despite this, it can further increase the transport of goods and passengers because it is economical, safe and less polluting.

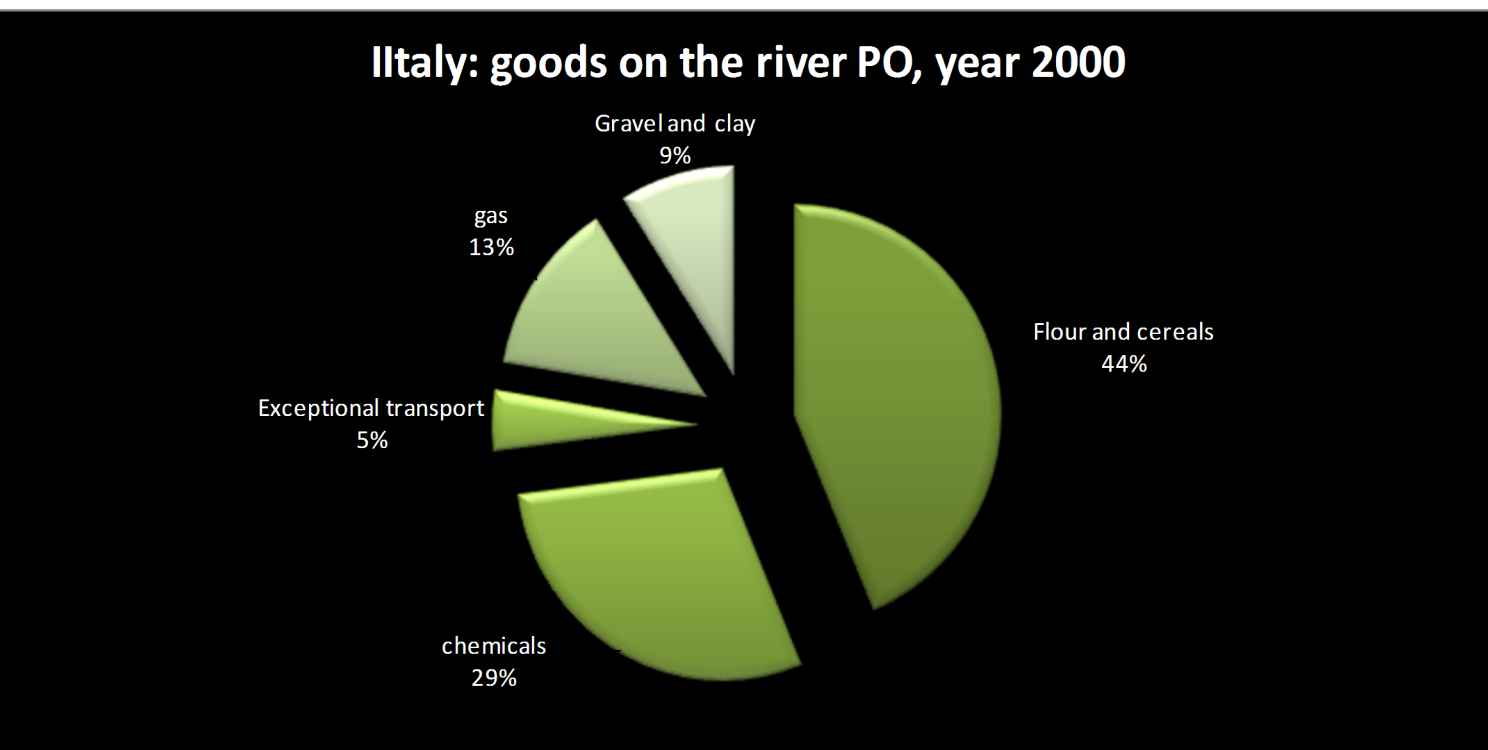
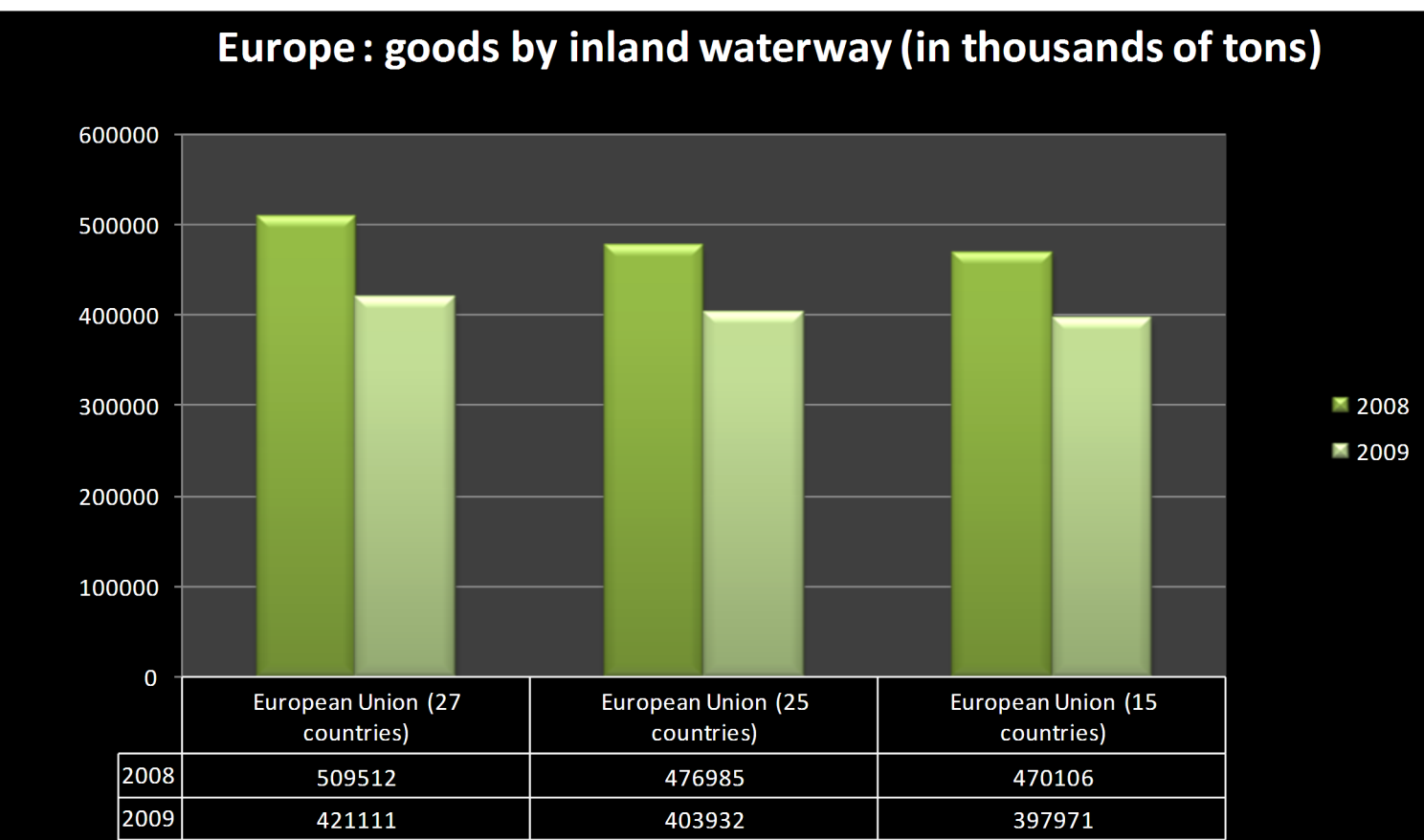
Countries	2007	2008	2009
Belgium	100	97	80
Germany	100	99	82
France	100	96	89
Italy	100	72	64
Lithuania	100	116	59
Luxembourg	100	110	82
Hungary	100	105	92
Netherlands	100	98	77
Poland	100	95	52
Finland	100	71	54
United Kingdom	100	96	98



Source EUROSTAT <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/transport/introduction>

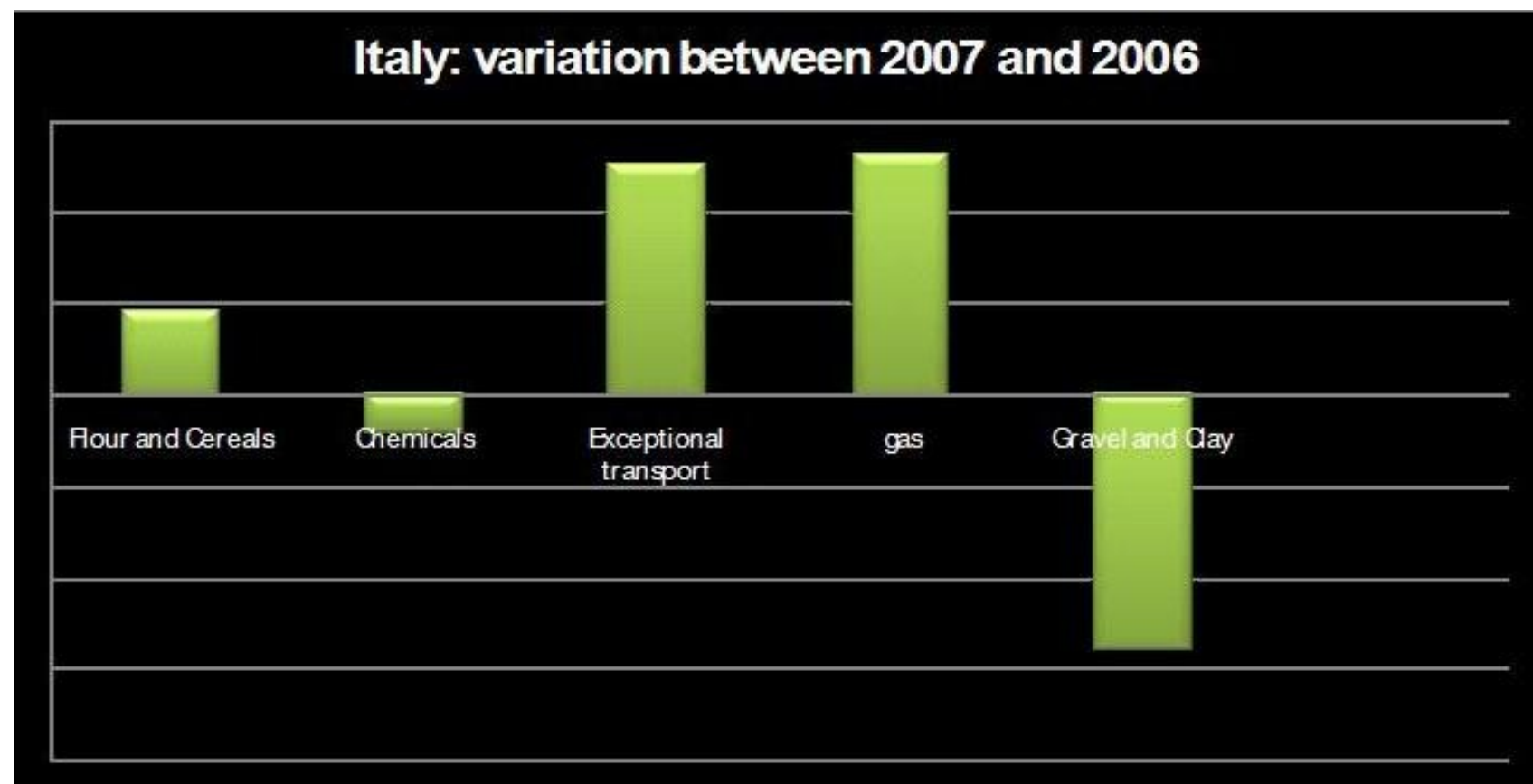
inland waterways in Italy

The Italian network is concentrated mainly in the north. In Italy inland waterways transport is negligible (0.1%, Eurostat 2000). The goods carried on the Po are: flour, cereals, chemicals, bulk goods, gas, gravel and clay. The graph shows the change in amount depending on the type of merchandise. Analyzing the data of 2007 compared to 2006, there has been an increase in cereal, bulk goods and gas, and a decrease in chemicals and gravel.



The tons of goods transported on the river Po in 2007 were 477,933. 1,565,567 tons of aggregates extracted from the river must be added, for a total of 2,043,500 tons. The decline in road transport amounts to 72,982 trucks, each one with a capacity of 28 tons.

Source: A.R.N.I = regional company for inland navigation www.arni.it

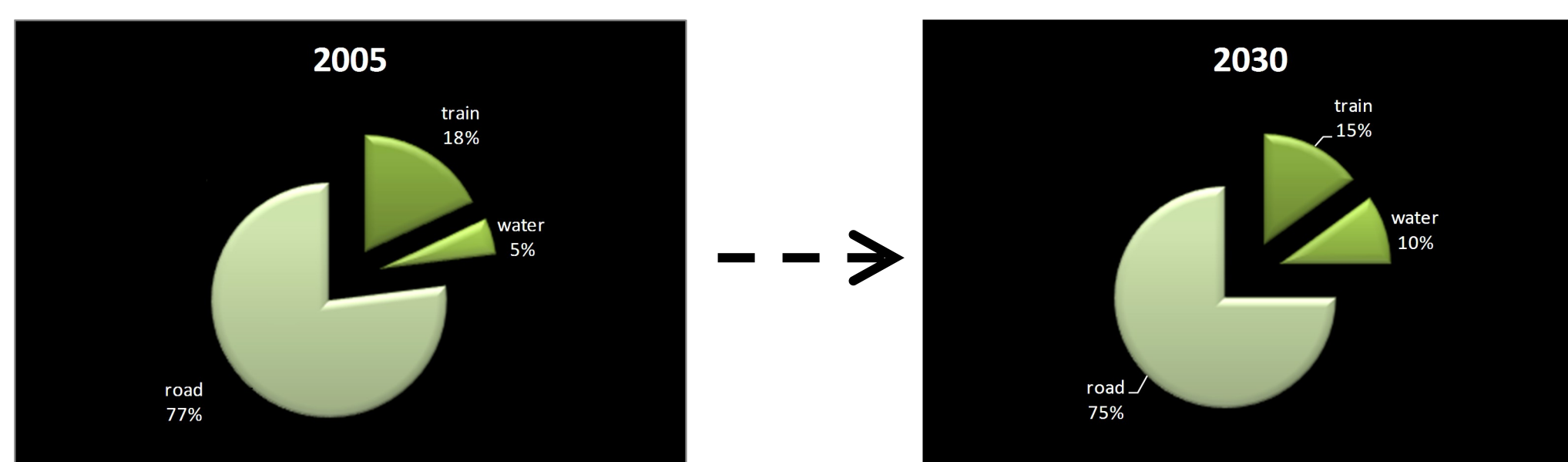


the Padano-Veneta waterway network

The Padano - Venetian inland network, which has an area of over 800 km, is centered on the river Po and on a number of inland waters connected to it. The Po is the only navigable river course from the city of Cremona to the Adriatic Sea.



future developments in Europe



The target goal for Europe in the coming years is to increase transport by inland waterway, as illustrated by the graph on the left. It is assumed that within 2030 there will be a doubling of goods transported by inland water and a decrease in road and train.

The advantages are the reduction of pollution and lower costs.

Source:INE = Inland Navigation Europe Sito = www.inlandnavigation.org

Our proposal is to relaunch the rivers Po, Ticino and the connected canals, and provide them with adequate infrastructure to enhance the inland transportation in Italy, which is cleaner and safer.

Yes, by inland waterways transports