# Airport strategy in a multitransport perspective

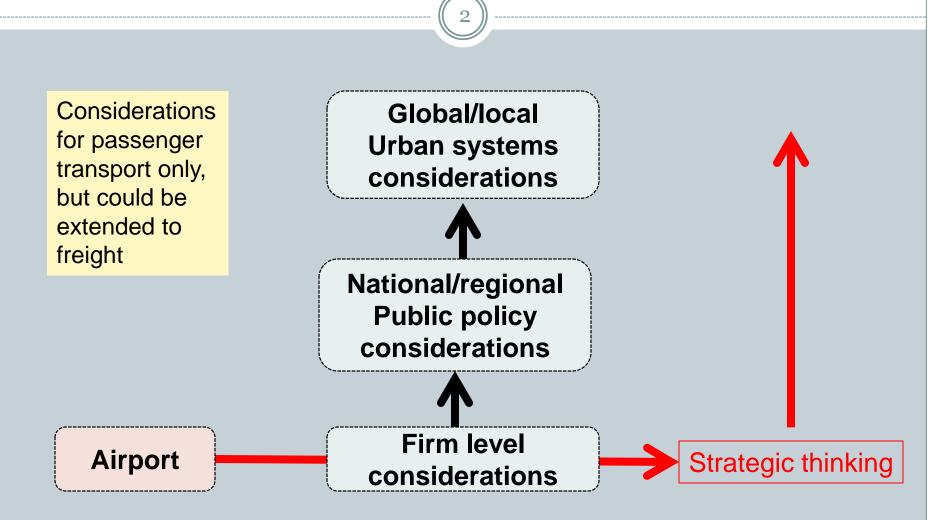
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#### Focus:

- Management of infrastructure systems
- Technology <u>and</u> policy /institutions
- Globalization and urbanization

# Airport strategy at the crossroads of two trends

















### Structure of presentation

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- Emerging strategic thinking of an airport
- Evolving considerations on airports and transport modes
- Intra-modal airport strategy
- Inter-modal airport strategy
- Multi-modal airport strategy
- Conclusion: airport strategy in a multi-modal context















# **Emerging strategic thinking of an airport**

Literature on strategic

thinking

Strategic thinking II

Regulation of airports

Strategic thinking I

Managerial freedom

(private) «monopoly»

Strategic thinking?

Emerging competition

(partial) privatization

Strategic thinking III

Local public monopoly

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From market to non-market strategy?

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Phase IV







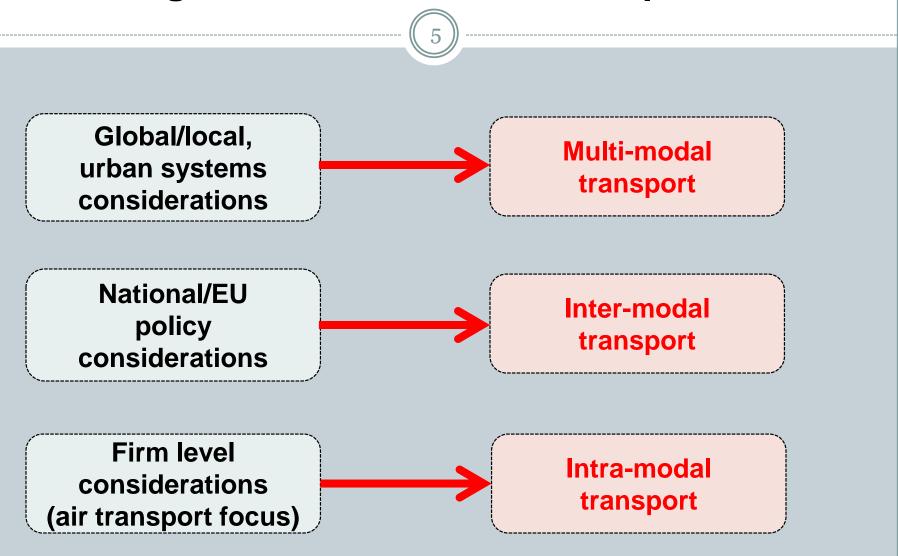








### **Evolving considerations and transport modes**

















### Intra-modal transport strategy (air)



airline

Possible <u>business models</u>:
Airport as «anchor hub»
Airport as destination
Airport as niche player

airline

Regulated (private)
monopoly perspective (in a

**Airport** 

liberalized air transport market) → limited public policy perspective

#### Airport strategy focus:

- focus on the air transport sector → airlines as partners
- focus on airport customers and revenues
- specialization: for airlines (capacity, terminals, handling) and for passengers
- diversification: non-aeronautical services, selling airport know-how
- optimum between demand potential and available airport capacity
- → That is what the literature writes about and what consultants sell (e.g., *«airport competition in a deregulated aviation market»*)













### **Inter-modal** transport strategy (air-rail)



So far this is a public policy perspective (national and mostly <u>European</u>; 2011 EC White Paper «Roadmap to A Single European Transport Area»):

- optimize transport and transport modes (2050: 90% in 4 hours door-to-door) in response to growing demand in mobility and environmental constraints
- airports as an integral part of the SETA → subsidize what?
- airport efficiency

#### Airport strategy focus:

- develop rail interconnections (subsidies): High Speed Rail to free slots; Rail to enlarge catchment area; EU/national government as partners
- seamless transition (passengers and freight)
- complementarity, not competition → «intermodality creates mobility» (ACI)





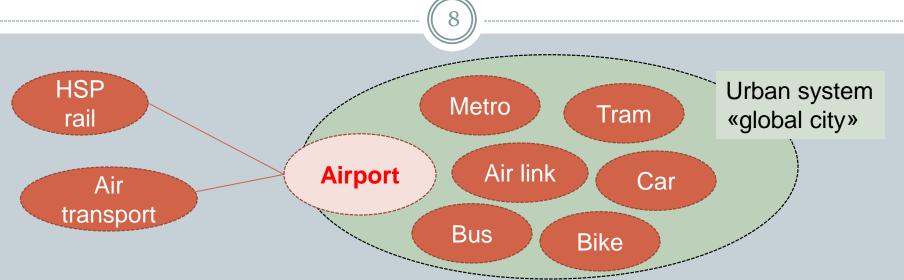








### Multi-modal transport strategy (all modes)



Possible <u>business models</u>: «airport city», airport as city developer

So far this is an urban / «global cities» perspective (www.iglus.org):

- Attractiveness of cities (economic, political, cultural)
- Competitiveness of cities (sustainability, quality of life, efficiency)

#### Airport strategy focus:

- Help develop the city (subsidies); city as partner
- Seamless travel experience → integrated ticketing, integrated timetable?
- non-air transport related urban offerings: shopping, cultural center, etc.















# Conclusion: combining the two trends

