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# Measuring Efficiency of Automated Road Freight Transport: The AWARD Approach

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# All Weather Autonomous Real logistics operations and Demonstrations



## General Information:

**Project Coordinator:** EasyMile

**Partners:** 29

**Project Timeline:** 01/2021 – 06/2024

**Budget:** € 26,4m

### Project Ambitions:

Develop a **unique set of sensors** that enables **24/7 availability**  
(night and day, good or bad weather conditions)

Deploy **fully automated heavy-duty vehicles** in **scalable** and  
**replicable** pilots

Integrate a **new fleet management** system for **optimized**  
**logistics flows**

### Use Cases:

UC1: Autonomous loading & unloading forklift operations

UC2: Hub-to-hub shuttle service from warehouse/production site  
to logistics hubs

UC3: Automated baggage tractor on airside in Avinor OSL  
Gardermoen airport

UC4: Trailer transfer operations and automated ship loading in  
Rotterdam Port



# Complementary-skilled Consortium from multiple horizons



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# AWARD Global Approach

## Development of the ADS

Able to **handle adverse environmental conditions** such as heavy rain, snowfall, fog

Targeting compliance with **ISO 26262** and taking into consideration **SOTIF recommendations**

Integrating **multiple sensor modalities** and an **embedded teleoperation system** to address **24/7 availability**

**Optimized fleet management & supervision system** for logistics use cases

## Integration into HDV

AIT



Manufactured by **PALFINGER**

KAMAG



TLD



TERBERG



## Demonstrations

Industrial autonomous loading & unloading operations



Hub to hub autonomous logistics on public roads



Airport autonomous ground support equipment

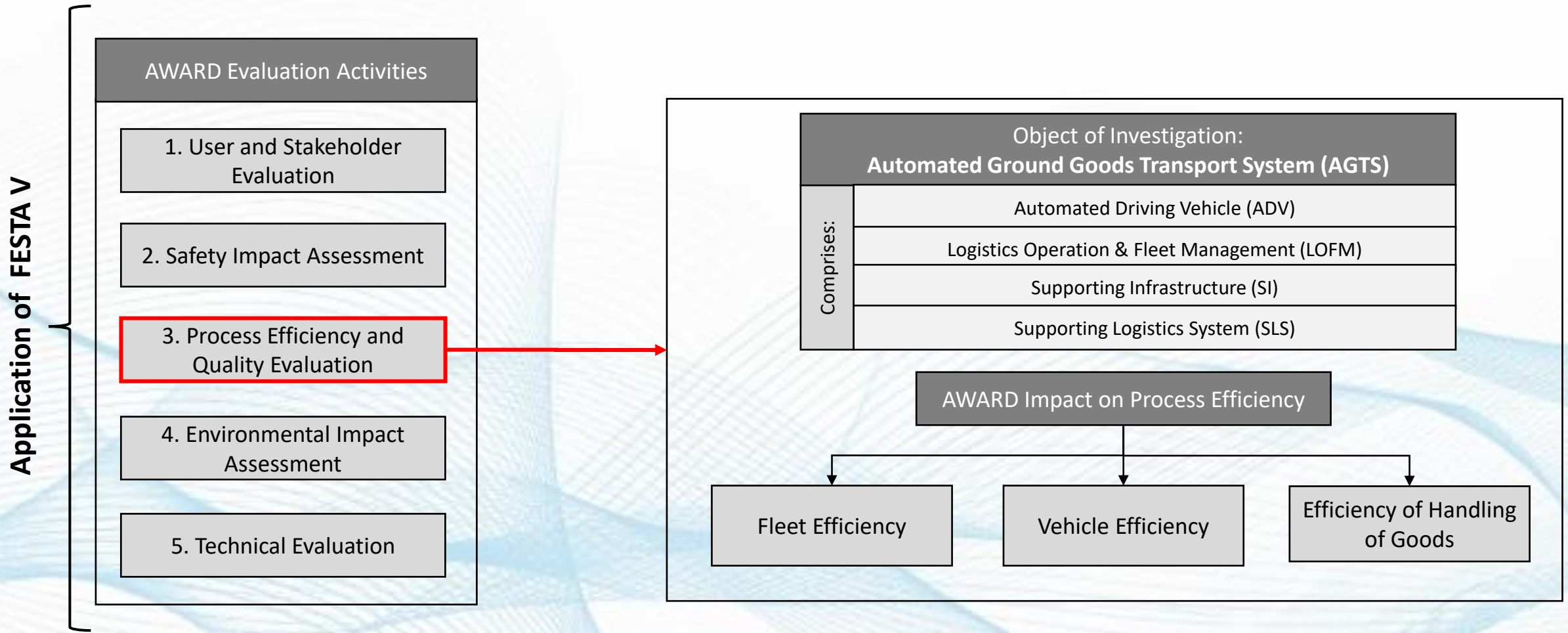


Port Trailer autonomous transfer operations



How can the efficiency of these use cases be evaluated?

# AWARD Efficiency Evaluation Design (1)



# AWARD Efficiency Evaluation Design (2)

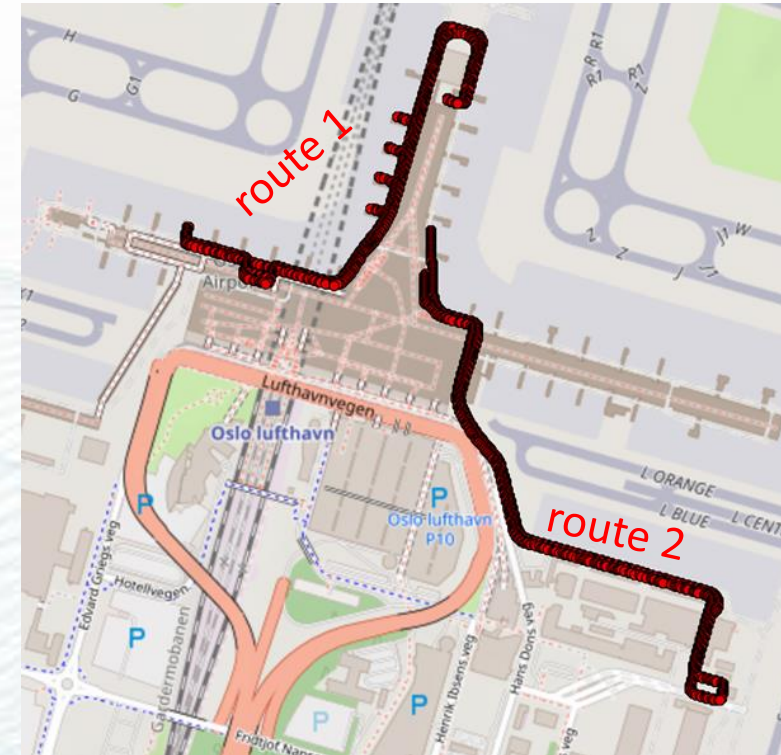
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|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                   | Fleet Efficiency          | Vehicle Efficiency              | Efficiency of Handling of Goods                |                          |                                 |                          |
| Focus             | Fleet Management System   | Automated Driving Vehicle (ADV) | Automated Ground Goods Transport System (AGTS) |                          |                                 |                          |
| Impact Categories | Financial Indicators      |                                 |  |                          |                                 |                          |
|                   | Operational Indicators    |                                 |  |                          |                                 |                          |
|                   | Quality Indicators        |                                 |  |                          |                                 |                          |
| KPIs              | Fuel Costs                | Total Costs/KM                  | Personnel Costs                                | Vehicle Operation Costs  | Personnel Costs                 | Purchasing Costs for SLS |
|                   | Vehicle Utilization       | Distance Driven                 | Net Transfer Time                              | Vehicle Uptime           | Operation Costs of SLS          | Waiting Times            |
|                   | No. of Vehicle Breakdowns | Average Maintenance Downtime    | Support Time                                   | Fuel Consumption         | Personnel time                  | Inventory Size           |
|                   |                           |                                 | Vehicle Speed                                  | Operational Availability | Timeliness of Handling of Goods | (Un)Loading Time         |
|                   |                           |                                 | Timeliness of Transport Orders                 | Transport Reliability    |                                 |                          |

## General Research Questions:

How does the AWARD [Focus] influence [Impact Category]?

# Initial Results (UC3 at OSLO Airport) (1)

- Setup:
  - Use of TLD baggage tractor with level 4 automated driving function (incl. integration in FMS)
  - Vehicle accompanied by trained operators who report issues (in logbook) and additional information (i.e. type of stop)
  - 50h of driving on two routes
- Targeted advantages:
  - reduction in number of drivers / solve driver shortage
  - safety improvements
  - better utilization of luggage tractor capacity (supported by the FMS)
  - less driving, if automated vehicle trips are better planned and managed (supported by the FMS)
  - less manual planning with improved fleet management.

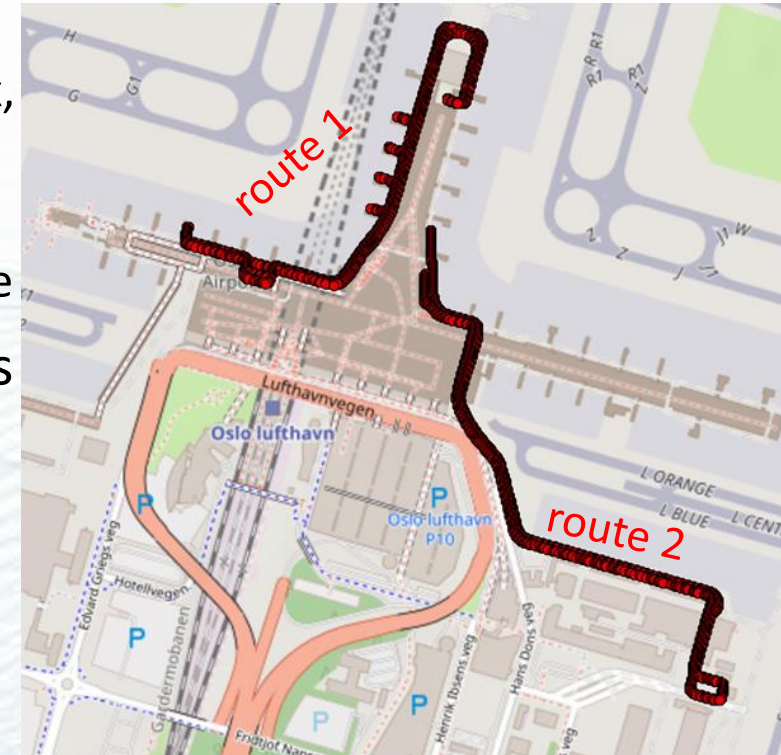


First test routes at Oslo airport



# Initial Results (UC3 at OSLO Airport) (2)

- Vehicle speed < speed of human driven tractor
  - 50% more time needed to complete route 1 → route 1 is more complex, with more crossings and traffic participants
  - Only minor time differences for route 2
  - Vehicle still fast enough to complete tasks during plane turnaround time
- Rain and crossing pedestrians did not significantly impact the tests
- Most common reasons for safety stops were "no obstacle" or "route blocked," often due to baggage carts left by human drivers
- Safety stops required a safety operator or teleoperator to actively support or drive the vehicle for around 5 minutes per operational hour
- No real-life tests have been conducted under harsh weather conditions yet.



First test routes at Oslo airport





# Next Steps

- Comprehensive data analysis across different test phases and technological improvements is still necessary (no final results yet)
- The evaluation in Oslo (UC 3) is currently in progress
- In Austria, preparations are being made for Evaluating UC 2 (currently on test track)
- Next month, testing of UC 2 will also take place on public roads
- UC 4 to be tested in Rotterdam by the end of the year
- Use Case 1 will be tested in Seibersdorf in Vienna at the beginning of next year
- Ongoing work will provide further insights into the efficiency of the automated transport vehicles developed for the AWARD use cases.



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## AWARD Survey #3: Business models

### New AWARD survey on automated road transport logistics business aspects

AWARD aims to develop systems for "All Weather Autonomous Real logistics operations and Demonstrations". Currently, we are studying the business aspects related to autonomous logistics operations and need your feedback!

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Autonomous logistics systems are going to disrupt the road transport industry introducing new innovative business models. The goal of this survey is to **understand and gain detailed insights into the different business aspects before developing the AWARD's Business Models**. We are interested in the opinion of stakeholders related to road transport, industrial environments, ports, airports and other experts.

<https://award-h2020.eu/index.php/award-survey-3/>



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# Thank you!

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