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# Real Driving Emission tests

## The industry perspective

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# KEY FIGURES ABOUT THE INDUSTRY

**12.1 million** direct and indirect jobs

**€41.5 billion** in R&D spending, largest private investor

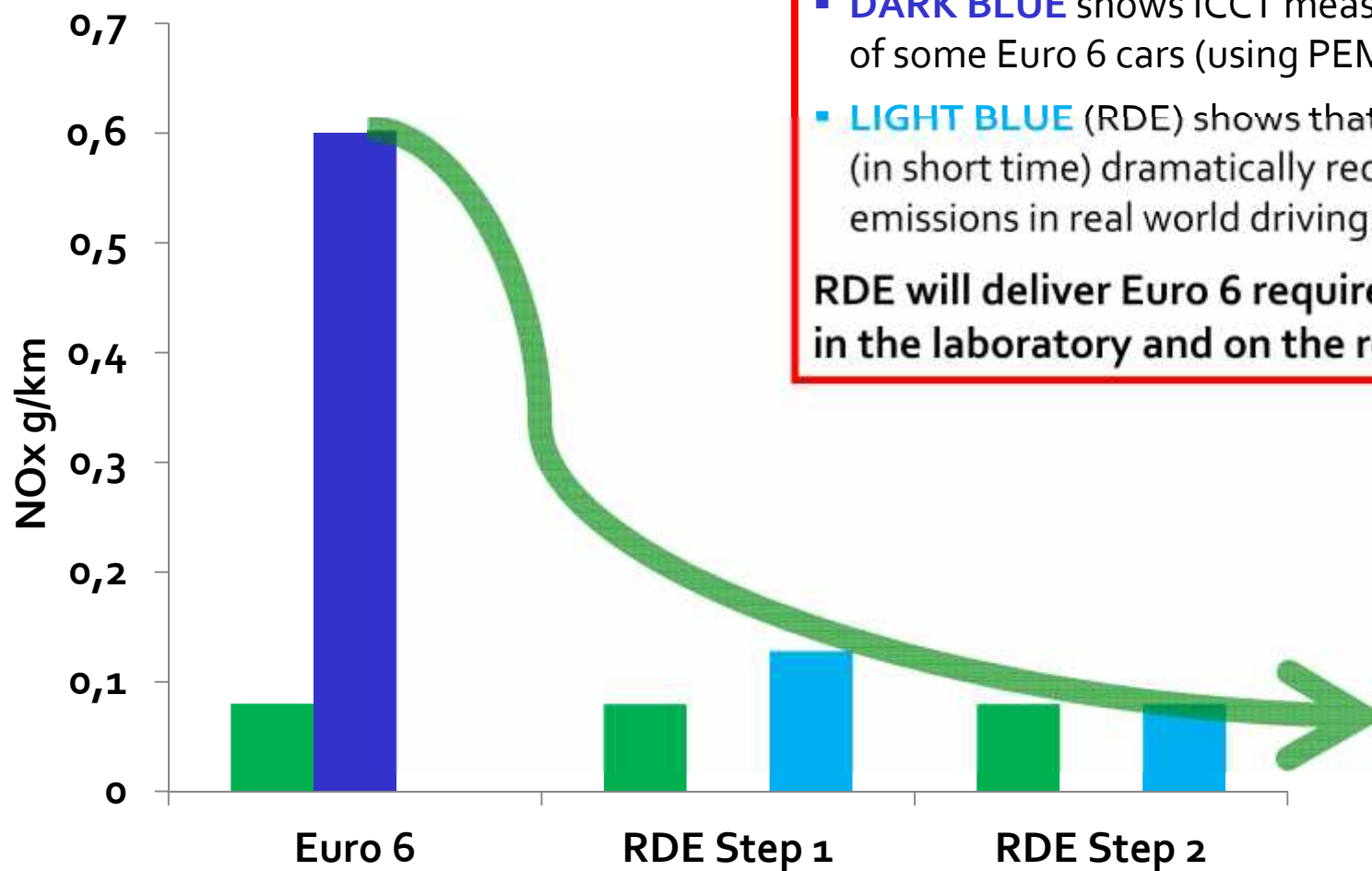
**€95.1 billion** positive net trade contribution



# LEARNINGS

- **Industry should communicate better** and improve collaboration with other stakeholders:
  - How to reconcile what is possible with what is needed.
- **EU environmental policy needs to be more coherent:**
  - Important regulations on emissions and test cycles continue to be drafted separately – disregarding interconnections.
  - Air quality improvements and further reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions need to be addressed together.
- **Innovation always goes faster than regulation:**
  - Revisions needed to adapt to new realities.
  - Limits to what can be regulated.

# NO<sub>x</sub>: WHAT INDUSTRY WILL DO

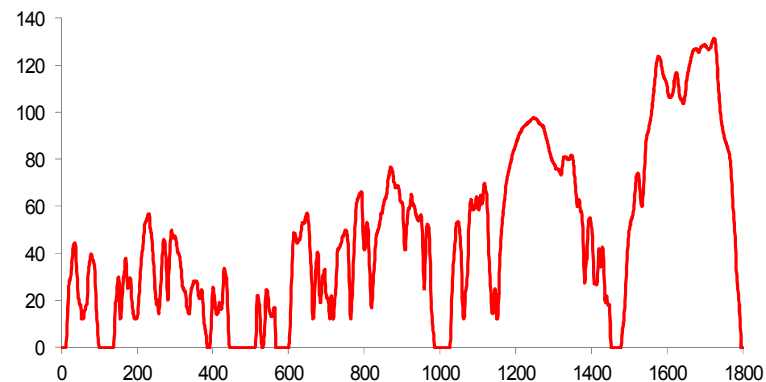
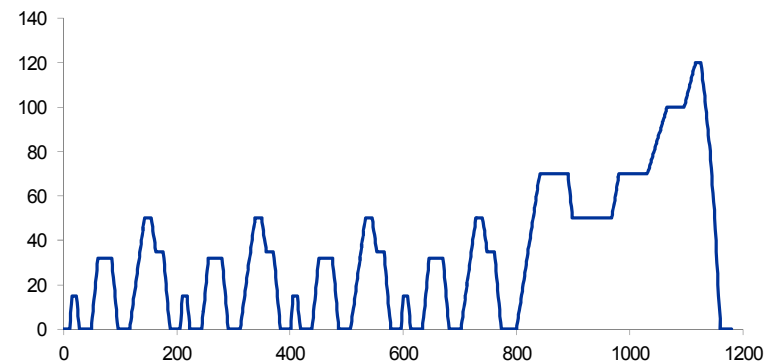


- **GREEN** shows the Euro 6 NO<sub>x</sub> limit.
  - **DARK BLUE** shows ICCT measurements of some Euro 6 cars (using PEMS).
  - **LIGHT BLUE** (RDE) shows that RDE will (in short time) dramatically reduce emissions in real world driving.
- RDE will deliver Euro 6 requirements in the laboratory and on the road.**

Source: Euro 6 = <http://www.theicct.org/real-world-exhaust-emissions-modern-diesel-cars>

# WHY NEW TESTS ARE NEEDED

- The **New European Driving Cycle (NEDC)** is the current test cycle used to verify compliance with emissions limits.
- It is a **laboratory test, which ensures repeatability and reproducibility**, but NEDC is out-dated.
- A new test cycle, the **Worldwide Harmonised Light Duty Vehicles Test Procedures (WLTP)**, will **replace NEDC**.
- Industry has pushed for WLTP as a global new test cycle.



# WHAT COMES NEXT

- For air quality related emissions, laboratory tests will be complemented by tests on the road: a new procedure known as **Real Driving Emissions (RDE)**.
- Actual real-world **emissions vary depending on conditions met on the road and on driver behaviour**.
- Real-world emissions are also influenced by the use of **new car features** that didn't exist when NEDC was developed.
- European **Commission adopted a step-by-step approach**:
  - Two packages are still missing and are urgently needed to complete the legislation.

### **RDE package 1 (cars):**

- General framework of RDE legislation, 90% of boundary conditions, data analysis procedures and normalisation tools, data for RDE monitoring phase

### **Status:**

- Agreed in May 2015
- Publication ≈ April 2016 (tbc)
- Effective in Q2 2016

### **RDE package 2 (cars):**

- 2-steps, dates, conformity factors, completion of boundary conditions

### **Status:**

- Agreed TCMV 28 October 2015
- Approved by Council on 12 February
- Publication ≈ April 2016 (tbc)

### **RDE package 3:**

- PEMS for particles (PN), LCVs

### **Status:**

- On-going work: due summer 2016

### **RDE package 4:**

- RDE in-service conformity

### **Status:**

- Not started: due end-16/early-17

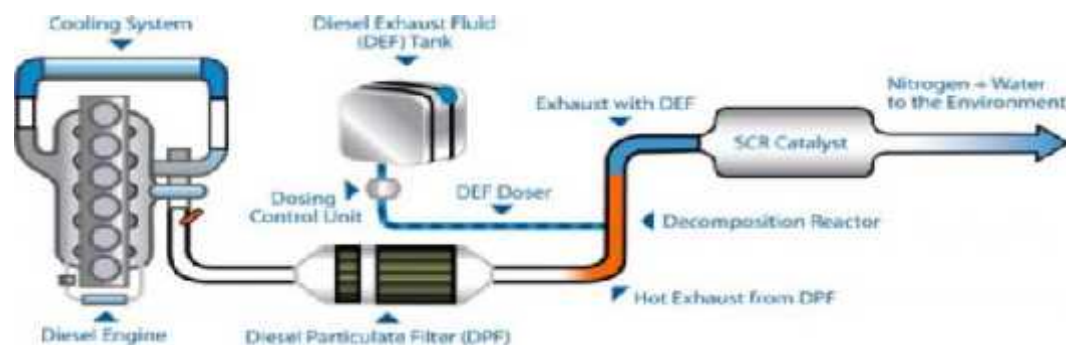


# IMPACT OF RDE



## Technical challenges

- Important **software** and **hardware upgrades**.
- Deployment of **latest generation NOx emission control technologies** across fleet (ie SCR, LNT).
- **Modifications to vehicle design** to accommodate emission control systems including urea tank (trade-off between customer convenience and efficiency).



# IMPACT OF RDE

## Technical challenges

- Important: **AdBlue** refuelling infrastructure needed for cars.
- Investment in **new testing equipment**: Portable Emission Measurement Systems or PEMS.
- Need to make PEMS smaller and lighter.



# IMPACT OF RDE

## Financial challenges

- Measures to reduce NOx may **contradict previous investments in technologies aimed at reducing CO<sub>2</sub>** (such as engine downsizing).
- **Significant investments** in the next generation emission control technologies, but also changes to assembly lines and testing:
  - Manufacturing costs of **€600 - €1,300 per vehicle;**
  - **€120 million** in development, retooling, new test facilities and equipment **per manufacturer from now until 2019.**

# IMPACT OF RDE

## Expected impact on the passenger car fleet

- 5% of planned diesel models will be **scrapped with step 1**.
- **Up to 25%** of planned diesel models to be dropped for step 2.
- Loss of investment return and **less choice for customers**.

# THE RDE ERROR MARGIN

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> RDE package sets a conformity factor (CF) of **1.0** as of 2020/21 plus a **PEMS error margin of 0.5**
- Margin for error necessary because both the **accuracy of measurement equipment** and **accuracy of testing procedures** are affected by various factors.
- **Does this mean that vehicles will emit 120mg/km instead of 80mg/km?**
  - **No**, vehicles will have to perform **well below the 80mg/km limit** to ensure compliance with the conformity factor in the most extreme driving conditions. The limit will be met in the laboratory and on the roads.

# REVIEWING THE ERROR MARGIN

- If the accuracy of equipment and testing procedures improves, the **error margin could go down**.
- The European **Commission should also propose:**
  - A system for regular auditing of testing parties to ensure the correct setting-up of vehicles and running of the tests;
  - A system for homologation of the PEMS equipment.

# CONCLUSIONS

- **RDE is urgently needed despite being a major challenge for the industry**, both in terms of investments and production.
- Adoption of the 2<sup>nd</sup> RDE package was essential to allow manufacturers to start preparing, but **industry urgently needs the additional two RDE packages**.
- **CF of 1.0 means the legal limits are upheld**, the 0.5 error margin is necessary for the time being.
- A future revision of the error margin completed with robust procedures auditing system and homologation of the PEMS should allow the **error margin to go down**.

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