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€68 million BUDGET

50 months DURATION, starting in September 2017

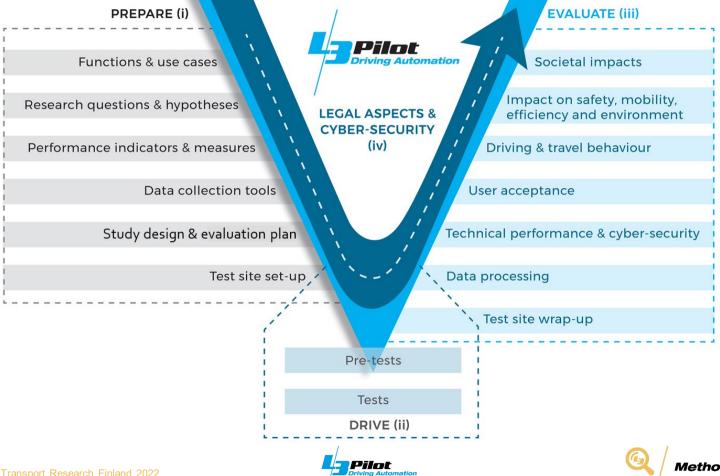
€36 million FUNDING

34 PARTNERS, among them OEMs, suppliers, research, SMEs, insurers, authorities and user groups

12 COUNTRIES involved: Austria, Belgium, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, UK



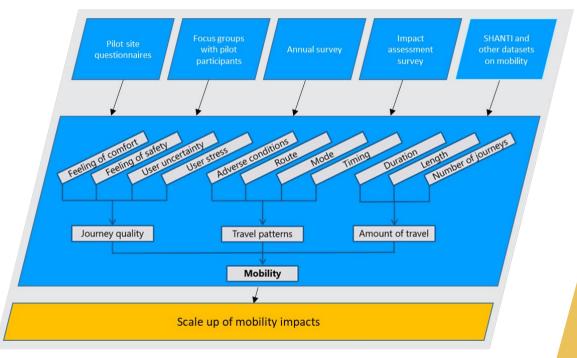
FESTA Implementation Plan adapted to L3PILOT





Method for mobility impact assessment

- Potential impacts on journey quality, travel patterns and amount of travel
- User's current travel behaviour vs. SAE 3
- Based on
 - Questionnaires
 - Surveys
 - Focus groups
 - European datasets







Main findings

Mobility impacts

Travel quality

Travel quality is likely to improve with ADFs (user experience, activities during AD, possibility to address unmet travel needs)

Value of travel time with ADFs is lower

Travel patterns

Some drivers will prefer routes within ODD even if they were longer

Driving during the rush hour becomes less unpleasant

Some travellers will choose car over public transport more often

ADFs can make driving under difficult or boring conditions less unpleasant

Amount of travel

Some travellers will travel longer trips with ADFs

Some travellers will travel more trips with ADFs

Car kilometres driven are likely to increase





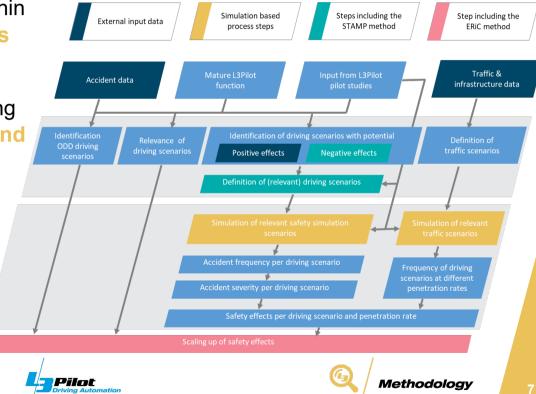
Method for safety impact assessment

 Potential impact on accidents within single scenarios with simulations

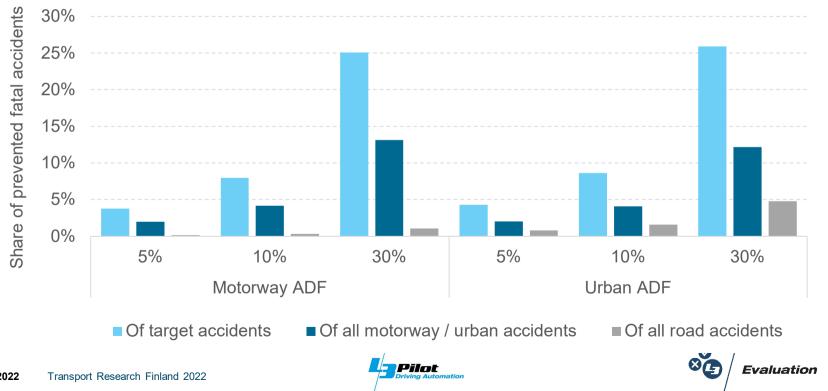
Risk, severity, frequency

 Scaling up to European level using European wide accident data and in-depth accident databases

Manual driving vs.
 SAE 3 in ODD



Safety impact by penetration rate for EU27+3 – Fatal accidents



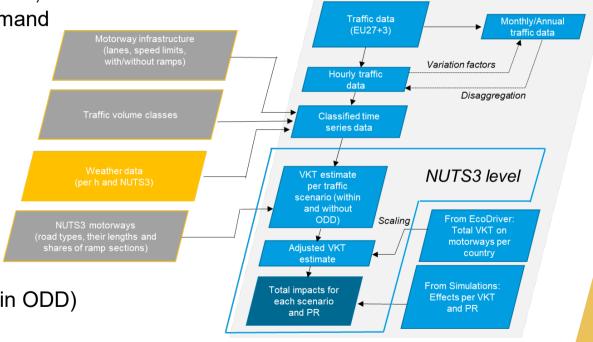
Method for efficiency & environmental impact assessment

 Potential impact on travel time, delay, CO2 and energy demand

 Effect per vehicle-km driven within different traffic scenarios with simulations

 Scale-up to European level with Europeanwide traffic, map and weather data

Manual driving vs. SAE 3 (in ODD)

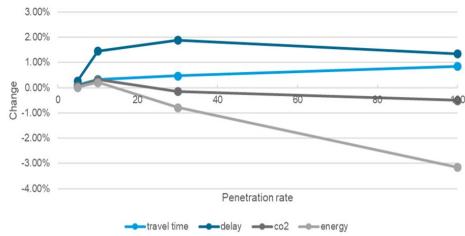






Main findings

- Trade-offs exist between efficiency and environmental impacts
- On motorway network, the impacts are largest with high traffic volume and penetration rates
 - Absolute values are lowest with low speed limits and low and moderate traffic volumes
- Effects of ADF on traffic efficiency and emissions on EU level are rather small
 - Mostly because driving on EU motorways takes place in low traffic conditions
 - However, benefits may be experienced locally, e.g. on urban motorways, by a large number of drivers







More information at website L3Pilot.eu

L3Pilot.eu/downloads

- Full L3Pilot Methodology (Deliverables D3.x & additional publications)
- All evaluation results (Deliverables D7.x & additional publications)

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Open data





Thank you for your kind attention.

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