Develop a Manufacturing Workers’ Position

... on transport and mobility

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The Elephant in the Room

• Employment in manufacturing
  – Not Quantity, but:
  – Quality
  – Qualification
  – Wages
  – Location (in Europe?)

• Just transition: for whom and towards where?
Employment

Transport equipment manufacturing:
- Direct employment (including main supply chain)
- Raw estimation (order of magnitude)
- Double the numbers for indirect employment
- Total: ca. 7.5 Mio in Europe
Industrial Policy

• Context: (“social”) market economy
• Manufacturing has structuring importance for the whole of the economy
• Main issue: technological development and regional independence
• Our point of view:
  – the industrial base and its development;
  – Manufacturing of transport equipment
Industrial Policy (2)

- What’s the purpose of an undertaking?
  - Satisfy needs?
  - An end in itself?
  - Profit?
- What type of work organisation?
- What type of division of production?
- Competition between regions and production sites
Transport and Mobility

• Manufacturing – that is individual mobility
  – “Leaving the trenches of individual vs. collective”
• Life span of transport equipments?
• Sustainable urban mobility is market-driven
  – Detrimental to rural populations
• Main issue: how do we use the transport equipments
  – Rather than: Which type of equipment
Just transition

• Accommodate all workers?
  – Industrial jobs: many, low qualification, well paid

• Deindustrialization?
  – What transport and mobility do we need if there is no industrial base left?

• General interest
  – Manufacturing workers are citizens in the first place

• Growth and sustainable?
Back to the beginning...

• The issue is employment
  – Purchasing power
  – Industrial development
Questions? Comments?

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