Develop a Manufacturing Workers' Position
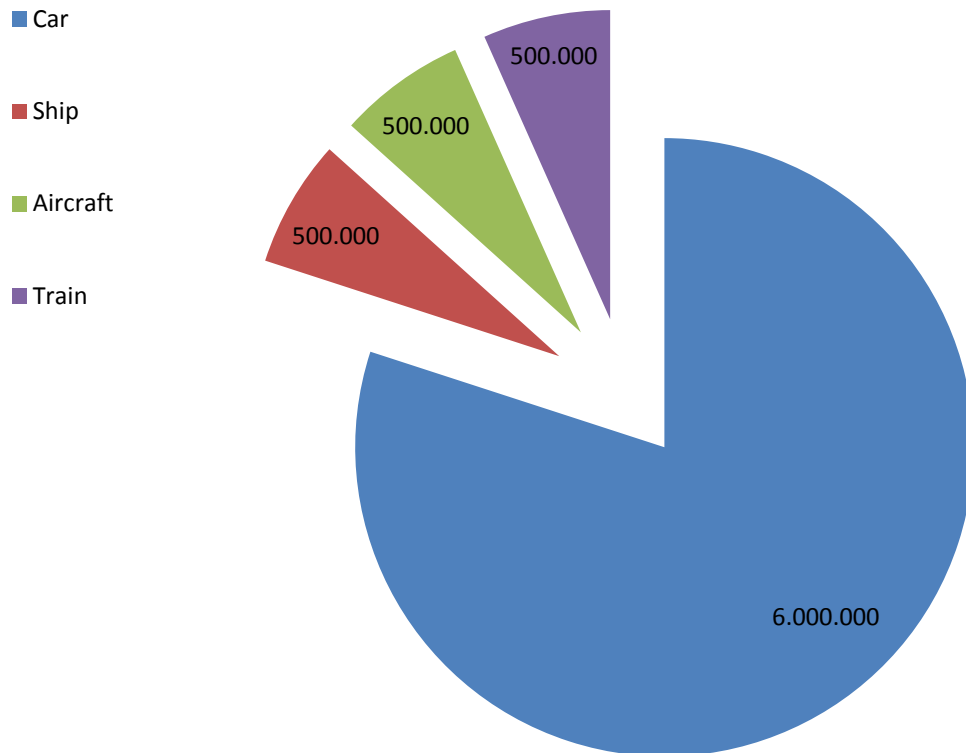
… on transport and mobility

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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

Legend:
- Car
- Ship
- Aircraft
- Train

Pie chart values:
- Car: 6.000.000
- Ship: 500.000
- Aircraft: 500.000
- Train: 500.000

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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