# Train traveller behaviour during and after Covid: Insights of a longitudinal survey of Dutch train passengers

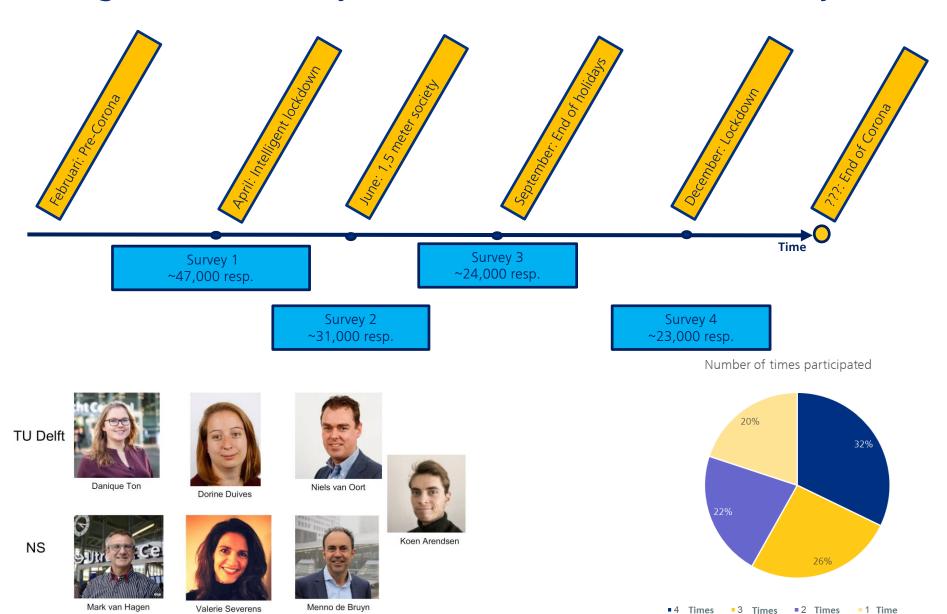
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#### Longitudinal survey train travellers Dutch Railways





#### 4 Major changes

- Less (train) traveling (working from home)
- Change of departure times (peak avoidance)
- 3. Modal shift (incl. purchasing new vehicles)
- 4. Changing perceptions and experiences

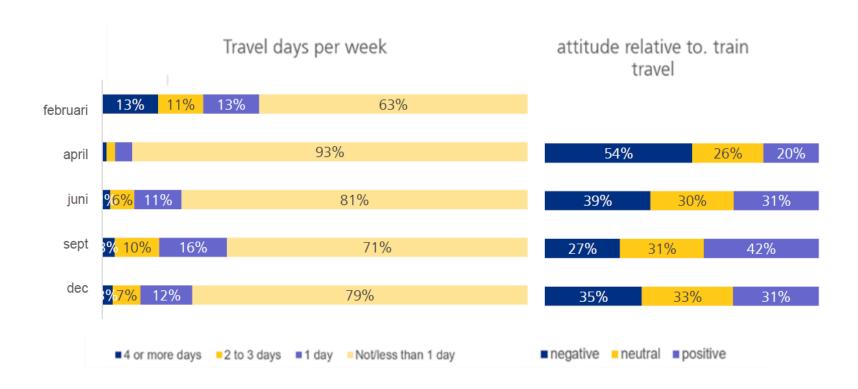
#### All findings:

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## 1. Travel frequencies

#### Traveling frequencies





#### Teleworking typologies

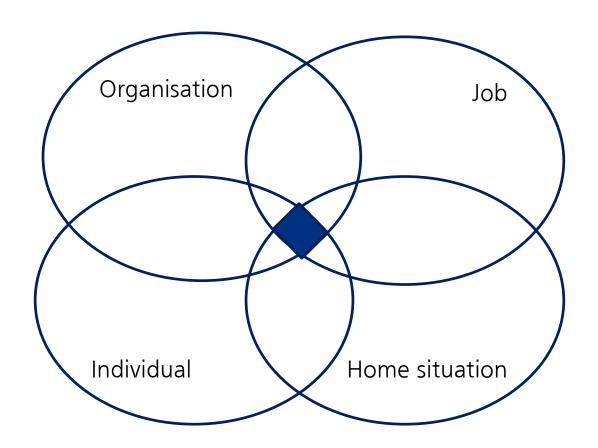
- Six different teleworking typologies are found
  - 1. Enthousiastic full-timers (31%)
  - 2. Positive part-timers (21%)
  - 3. Neutral new part-timers (19%)
  - 4. Content self-employed (12%)
  - 5. Forced and done with (8%)
  - 6. Negative and occasional (8%)



Teleworker (N = 10,033)

Teleworking frequency > 0 in April <u>and</u> June

#### Requirements for efficient teleworking



Baruch & Nicholson (1997)

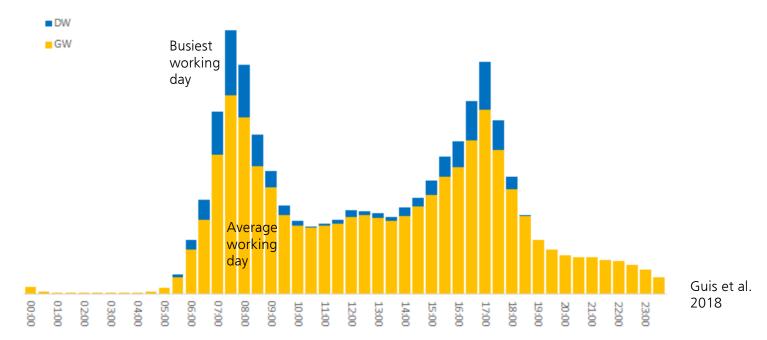


#### Three groups of teleworker types

- High willingnes-to-telework (72%).
  - Employer is prepared, job is suitable for teleworking, people have positive experience
- Low willingness-to-telework (16%).
  - Employers often unprepared, people have negative experience
- Barely affected self-employed (12%).
  - These people have returned largely to their pre-corona behaviour after the lockdown

#### 2. Departure times

30 % wants to travel outside the peak hours



- Conditions employers and universities?
- Timetable adjustments?

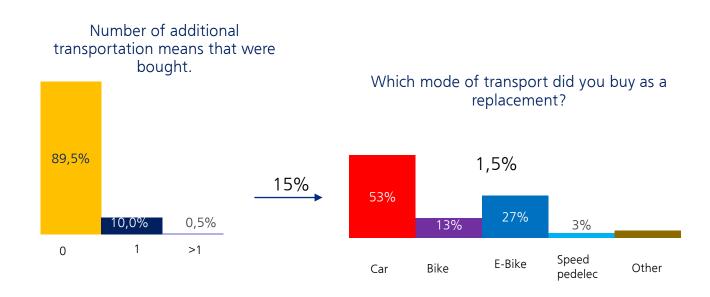


#### 3. Modal shift

#### Buying alternative modes of transport

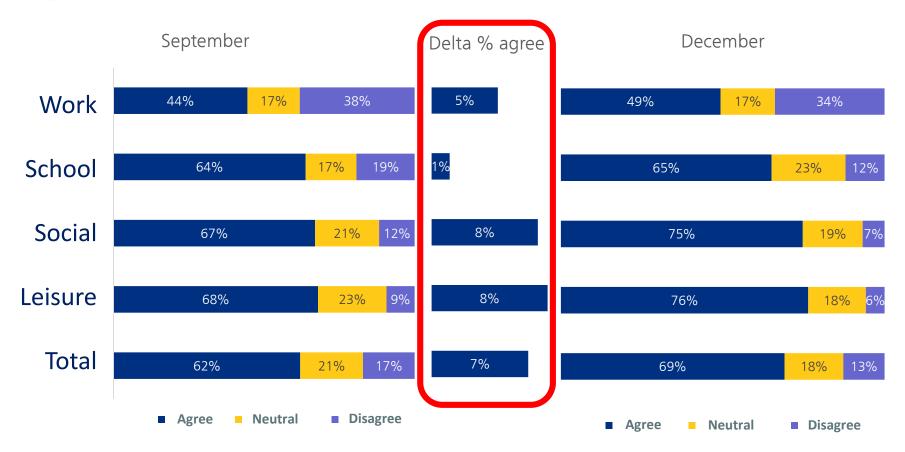
Little more than 10% has bought an alternative mode of transport:

- Especially cars, bicycles and e-bikes
- 15% (of 10%) has as purpose to replace PT
  - Car and e-bike most often replacement of train trips



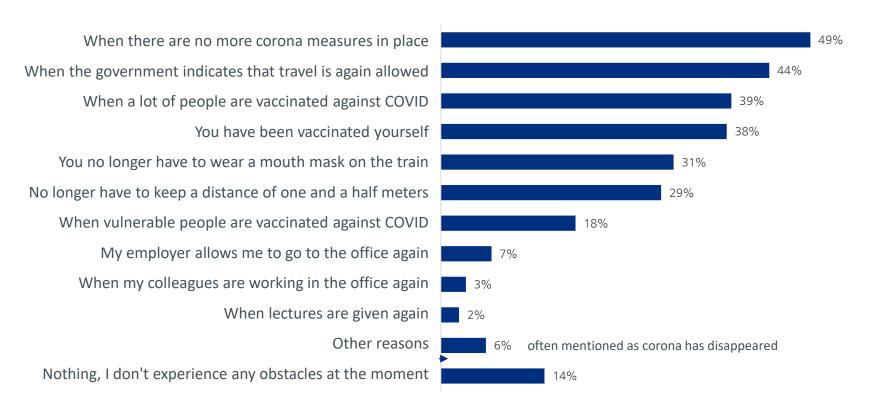
# 4. Passenger perceptions and post-Covid Expectations

#### **Expectation to resume normal travel behavior after COVID**



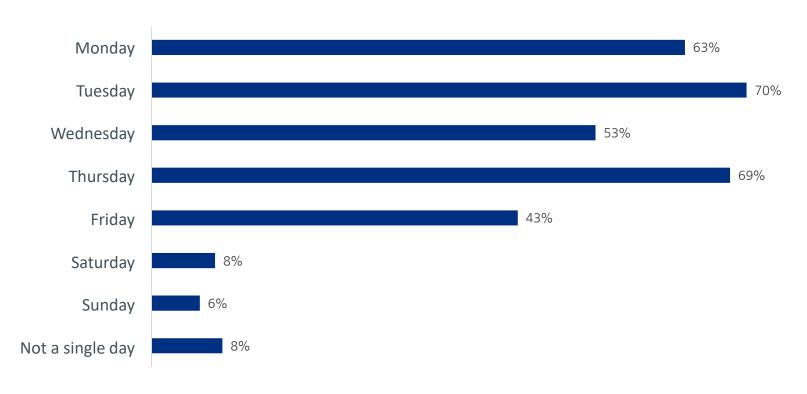
#### When do people want to travel by train again?

What will it take for you to be able to travel by train again in complete freedom without experiencing obstacles?



#### Most popular travel days are Tuesday, Thursday and Monday

On what day do you expect to travel to work after COVID? (commute only)



### Questions/more info?

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