

MARCO POLO PROJECT

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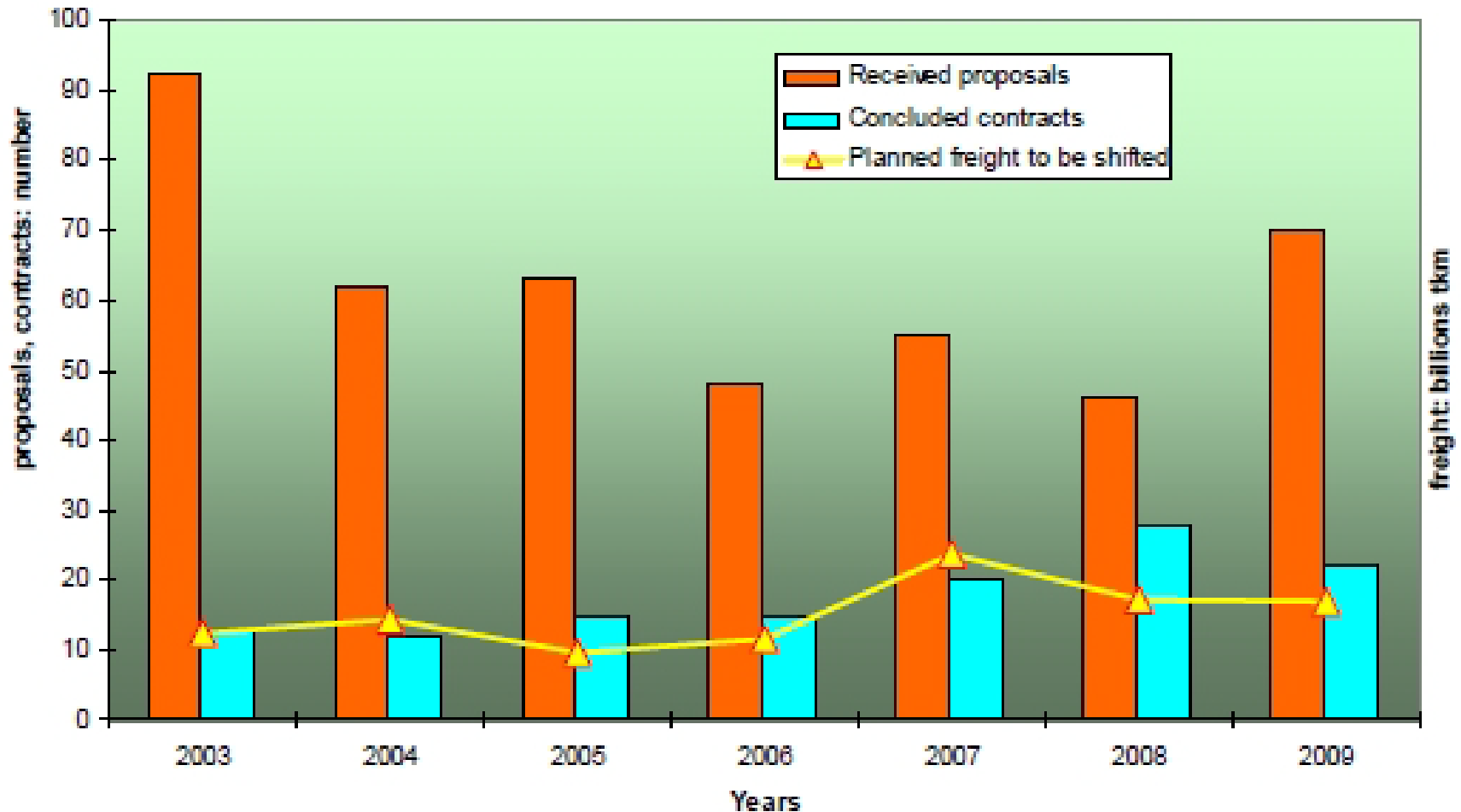
MOTORWAYS OF THE SEA

NEW WAYS TO A GREEN HORIZON

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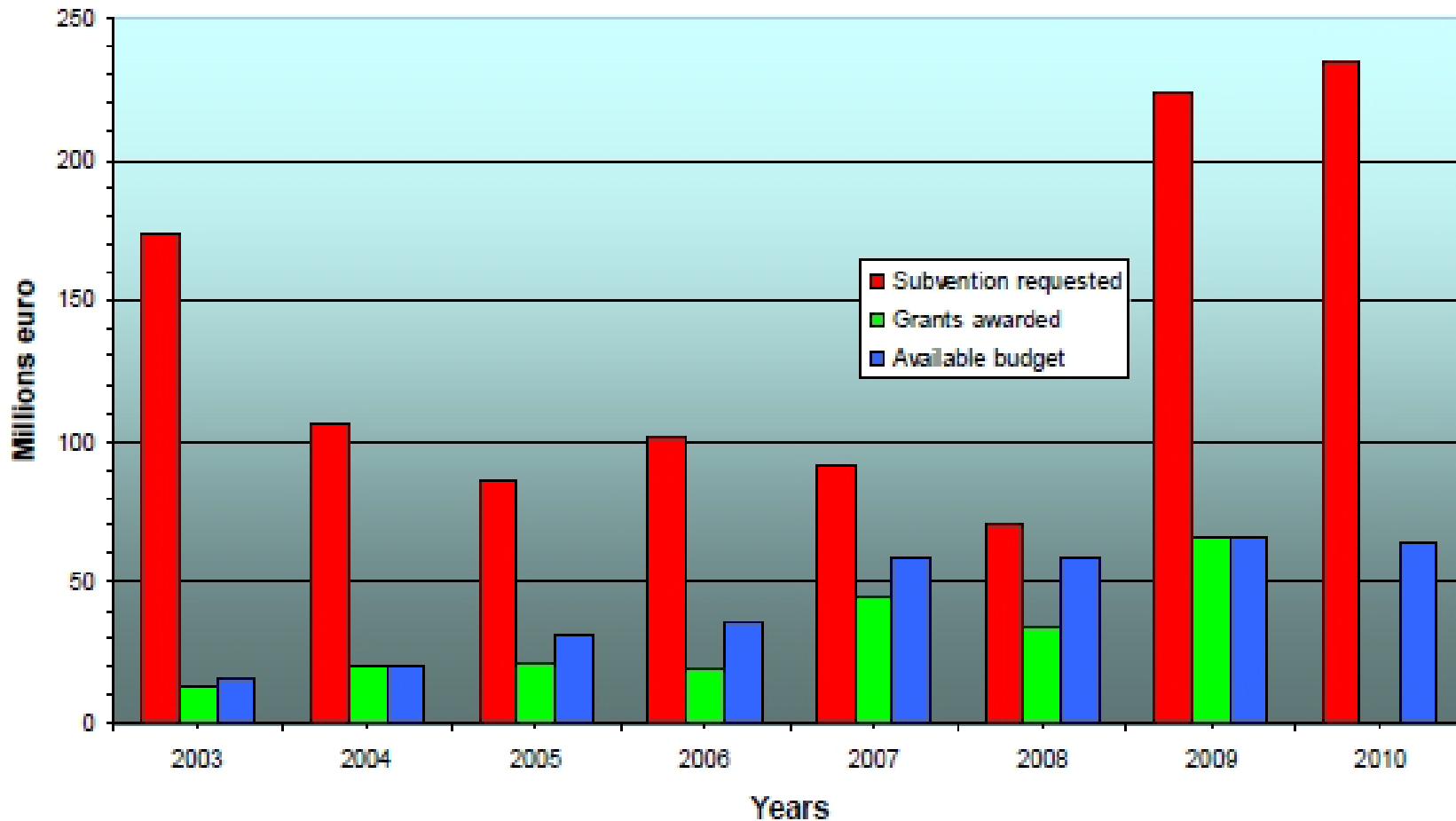
Evolution of MARCO POLO – Facts and figures (1)

Number of proposals, number of contracts and freight to be shifted



Evolution of MARCO POLO - Facts and figures (2)

Comparison Requested grants - Committed budget



**EURO 60 million is grants available
per year until 2013**

SOME QUESTIONMARKS FOR THE UNDERWRITERS TO CONSIDER

- Different recovery possibilities
- Longer distribution time
- Increased cargo handling?
- More reloading activities?
- Change of theft pattern?
- More or less containerized shipments?

- WHAT IS THE PROJECT ABOUT?
 - An idea for a new transport service that would shift freight from the road...
 - Sea
 - Inland waterways
 - rail
 - Which has a European dimension
 - Which would be loss making in its first years
 - But overall should become viable in the long run

<http://ec.europa.eu/marcopolo>