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**The road to a sustainable development depends  
on a sustainable development of the road**



### WHAT IS ASECAP?

ASECAP is the only European professional association of tolled motorways companies.

### ASECAP

- Defends the toll system as the most efficient and reliable way to finance and develop road infrastructures
- Takes an active part in the debate on the future of the road transport at the European Level
- Participates to the development of an harmonised safe Trans-European road network
- Facilitates and promotes the exchange of information between all stakeholders
- Participates to research and experiment programmes aiming to improve the users' comfort and safety

### WHO DO WE REPRESENT?

ASECAP gathers and represents 114 organisations that manage more than 20 000 kilometres of toll roads through 14 countries in the EU, enlarged Europe and EEA.



### WHAT DO WE DO?

#### **ASECAP is in permanent contact with the European Union institutions**

Through the experience of its members, ASECAP supports the EU in its policy to finance, operate and develop the European Road Networks. The Association participates in the EU debate for a sustainable transport policy.

ASECAP has issued position papers on the electronic road toll system, on tunnel safety and on transport charging.

#### **ASECAP is active in the enlarged Europe**

ASECAP is present in central and eastern European countries and intends to anticipate the impact of Enlargement. The Association has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

ASECAP and UNECE co-operate on the Trans-European North South Motorway project.

#### **ASECAP takes part in various research and development projects**

Led by ASECAP, the MOVE-it project defined functional specifications for a European non-stop tolling system. Today ASECAP is in charge of the EU multi-phased CESARE project.

CESARE aims to develop an harmonised electronic tolling system to be used all over Europe.

### HOW DO WE WORK?

- The General Assembly and the Steering Committee are the policy-making bodies of ASECAP.
- ASECAP Permanent Committees (COPER I on the tolling and charging regimes, and COPER II on environmental and safety issues) examine the political, economic and operational factors which need to be analysed
- Task forces and *ad hoc* working groups are created where appropriate.

ASECAP has also established, in co-operation with the European Commission, an informal and consultative body, the **Road Platform**, whose aim is to analyse the key elements of the transport sector, such as road safety, infrastructure management, road charging methodologies, environmental and social costs, ITS standardisation, etc.

### ASECAP *IN ACTION*

- **Protect the environment and promote a sustainable motorway transport network**

Toll motorways are the most adequate system to monitor the traffic and at the same time, protect the environment effectively.

**ASECAP is committed to**

Control water pollution  
Reduce noise nuisance  
Protect fauna and flora  
Integrate motorways into the countryside  
Promote the use of toll as a tool towards a sustainable transport system

- **Improve road and tunnel safety**

Over the last 25 years major improvements to safety systems have reduced the number and seriousness of accidents.

**ASECAP is committed to**

Improve safety equipments  
Encourage changes in users behaviour  
Accelerate incidents response

ASECAP submitted a position paper on the European Commission proposal for a directive “on minimum safety requirements for tunnels located on the Trans-European Road Network”.

- **Provide the best possible service to the user**

ASECAP priorities are to keep traffic flowing in all situations in appropriate safety and driving conditions while offering a variety of services aimed at the comfort and safety of users.

**ASECAP is committed to**

Develop car information facilities  
Harmonise Electronic Toll Collection systems  
Use the toll to build and provide the high level of value added services throughout the European Tolled Network

### **ASECAP BY ITS PRESIDENT**

ASECAP is the unique association of toll road operators and intends to promote an exchange of experiences and know-how, allowing its members to benefit from the experiences of the countries that have been developing a “toll culture” for many years.

ASECAP is an association definitely focused on Europe and wishes to play a leading role in the development of a harmonised Trans-European network.

ASECAP promotes the interests and the image of the tolled motorway sector and wants to prove that the toll system is the most efficient way to finance the construction, the maintenance and the operation of motorways and major road infrastructures.

ASECAP wishes to be the privileged partner of the European institutions (the European Commission, the European Parliament, the EU Council) in order to take an active part in the debate on the future of the road transport as well as in the development of a harmonised Trans-European road network.

As new charging systems emerge (especially in Germany, the Netherlands and Great Britain), the ASECAP members have to pursue their action and studies on that matter in order to find a way to achieve the interoperability of systems based on different technologies.

This aim is clearly identified in the ASECAP members' participation in the multi-phased CESARE project, co-financed by the European Commission and whose aim is to develop a common electronic tolling system to all members that could be used by other countries of the European Union.

***Rémy Chardon***  
***ASECAP President***

### CONTACTS

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#### ASECAP President



##### **Rémy Chardon, President of ASECAP**

Graduate from the *Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris*, former student of ENA, Rémy Chardon started his career in the prefectural function and he was in charge of high level responsibilities within the territorial administration and the ministerial cabinets.

In particular he was Counsellor of the Prime Minister in 1986 (Mr. Jacques Chirac) and 1995 (Mr. Alain Juppé) and Head of Cabinet of the Paris Mayor, Mr. Jacques Chirac, from 1993 till 1995.

He has been President of Autoroutes et Tunnel du Mont Blanc and of Société des Autoroutes Paris – Normandie. He is President of SAPRR (Société des Autoroutes Paris-Rhin-Rhône) and ASFA (Association des Sociétés Françaises d'Autoroutes et d'Ouvrages à Péage) and Director of the Board of IBTTA (International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association).

He has been elected President of ASECAP in May 2003.

#### Mr. Jean Mesqui

##### **Jean Mesqui, Chairman of COPER I**

Graduated from the french *École Polytechnique* and from the *École des Ponts-et-Chaussées*, Ph.D., Jean Mesqui has developed his career in the road infrastructures sector. He was in particular head of the department of road financing in the road Directory, Counsellor of the Minister of Transport in 1987-1988.

Executive officer of the Société des Autoroutes Paris-Normandie from 1989 to 1997, he was nominated President of the board and CEO of this company from 1997 to 2001.

In 2001 he has been chosen as Executive Director of ASFA (Association des Sociétés Françaises d'Autoroutes et d'Ouvrages à Péage).

Since 2002 he is in charge of the Permanent Committee 1 of ASECAP. He is also member of several task forces within IBTTA.

#### Mr. Maurizio Rotondo

##### **Maurizio Rotondo, Chairman of COPER II**

Dr. in engineering, with specialisation in transport at the 1<sup>st</sup> University of Rome, Maurizio Rotondo started his career as transport infrastructure designer in a Italian major construction company.

In 1992 joined AISCAT, the Italian Association of toll motorways operators, where he has been dealing with many issues related to toll infrastructures management, being as well member of national and international committees, in particular EU related.

Deputy member of the ASECAP Steering Committee he coordinates AISCAT international activities and chairs the ASECAP permanent Committee on safety.

He also chairs the Italian PIARC (World Road Association) mirror Committee on Network Operations and represents Italy in the international Committee.

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