

## CEF 2 makes Europe's roads safer!

### ASECAP welcomes a coherent funding approach for interoperable C-ITS

ASECAP welcomes the Connecting Europe Facility 2 Digital work programme. This work programme provides funding for a coherent 5G environment that complements the existing short-range communication that ASECAP Members already invest in and deploy on Europe's roads. This improves road safety and prepares for future automation. More than 20.000 km of roads are already equipped with Cooperative ITS (C-ITS), half a million vehicles are already in circulation since 2019, both numbers are growing fast.

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) already has a long track record funding C-ITS. Now the CEF 2 Digital work programme joins forces with the ongoing CEF activities in the field of C-ITS funded by the CEF Transport work programme.

ASECAP lauds the provisions in the CEF 2 Digital work programme for recognising the importance of complementing existing short-range communication technology with long-range coverage. This recognition also extends to the short-range communication technology that enables the collection of EUR 27 billion in road charges every year and is also used for the enforcement of the smart tachograph or the control of on-board weighing equipment. In this context, ASECAP draws confidence from the interoperability and backward compatibility provisions in the CEF Regulation, which protect investments in already existing radio systems on Europe's roads: systems that improve road safety or internalise the external cost of transport, keep our roads well maintained and safe, and protect Europe's road users from overloaded trucks or exhausted drivers and implement EU transport policy.

The European Commission has shown its determination to support 5G in Europe and enable Europe's automotive industry and road operators to make roads 'connected' and prepare Europe for future automation.

ASECAP remains committed and looks forward and welcomes continuing deployment of C-ITS services to its customers. Being backwards compatible with already successful deployments safeguards investments and public money, being interoperable saves lives.

For more information on what Europe's toll road operators think about C-ITS, please refer to our [C-ITS Manifesto](#).

#### **About ASECAP:**

*ASECAP is the European Association of Operators of Toll Road Infrastructures across 20 member countries representing 135 companies employing more than 50.000 direct jobs and 200.000 indirect jobs. They operate, maintain, manage a network of more than 86.000 km with a long-term vision that ensures highest quality standards to make the road infrastructure safest thank to the user/payer principle providing sustainable financing. ASECAP members are shouldering their responsibility as mobility providers linking inter-urban and metropolitan areas, playing a major role by moving people for their daily trips to go to work, school, hospital....*

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