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## TOLL MOTORWAYS, A SAFER TRIP IN EUROPE

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## Motorway safety features

Since the planning and the design level, specific safety features are applied, respecting the most up-to-date requirements, in order to ensure high quality standards and excellent levels of service of the infrastructures

Road design criteria and safety features are based on three pillars:

**Motorways are designed according to drivers' based constraints**

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## Motorway safety features

Every motorway section respect prescribed geometrical standards (i.e. minimum radius, vertical curves, etc) and proper balance between horizontal and vertical alignment in order to guarantee a right perception of road characteristics and to prevent optical misguidance

**Motorways are characterised by the best visual guidance**

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## What results

All the elements described, added to regular and planned maintenance and to careful and proper management, make **toll motorways safer than any other type of road**, thanks also to the **constant engagement** of all the operators and of the **considerable funds** devoted to design and operation.

But the engagement of ASECAP's members goes even beyond and it regards also **continuous and considerable funding for road safety research** and for projects on **new and more efficient systems** to preserve citizens' life.

**ASECAP's Members successfully contributed to EU goal of reducing the number of road fatalities in Europe**

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## The road ahead

ASECAP is working on safety by means of a permanent Committee on Road Safety, that in Prague held 2 workshops, on the application of the EU 2004/54 and 2008/96 Directives. ASECAP members are ready to offer, as they did in the framework of the first EU action plan, their experience to the new Road Safety Action Plan, on subjects such as: **EU directives implementation, safety indicators, rescue services, e-call, traffic information, maintenance, speed control, signalization (fixed and variable), safety in work-zones, giga-liners, safety education and campaigns, etc.**

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## ASECAP ....

**welcomes** the launch of a new action plan..... and encourages the EU Institutions to make their best to promote road safety and make it embedded in the European citizens way of life.

**believes** that the targets of the next Action Plan must be as ambitious as those of the previous one, but ...also that ... the many components of road safety need to be addressed, in order to make the targets achievable.

**considers** of the outmost importance a correct assessment on how an EU Action Plan can have an effect on those components - such as **inappropriate behavior, deaths and injuries along rural and urban network** - that are at the very basis of most of the road accidents in our continent. .... any assessment must be based on **objective parameters and shared concepts, leaving no room for subjectivity and approximation** that, rather than contribute to the safety of the European citizens, would further imperil them by neglecting to address the right objectives.

Thanks for your attention

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