

2018 CONTRIBUTION OF ASECAP MEMBERS IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMY & SOCIETY



87,000 km
(49,000 km of motorways
and 38,000 km of other
roads are operating using
tolling systems)



€6-€7 billion/
year
ASECAP companies
investment



more than
€5 billion
per year generated
for VAT alone



48,000
ASECAP members
direct employment

Road infrastructure is a key pillar to sustain economic development and citizens well-being. Governments and local authorities are responsible for providing a reliable road network that guarantees the safe and efficient mobility of passengers and goods. Huge investment is needed to build and maintain road networks and it has a significant impact on public budget.

Toll concessions are infrastructure paid by users instead of taxpayers. The contracts signed between awarding administrations and concessionaire companies transfer the responsibility to build, operate and maintain road infrastructure and the risk associated. As a result, public funds are not affected, neither member States public budgets nor public deficits, and public funds made available to support and finance other public services.

In ASECAP countries, about **87,000 km** of motorways are operating using tolling systems. Every year concessionaire companies invest **6-7 billion euros** to improve, enlarge and upgrade their motorway network. Furthermore, concessionaires face a yearly cost of **6 billion euros** in operation and road maintenance. Thus, by using the toll concession system, governments are saving every year more than **12 billion euros** that can be allocated to any other social priorities.

In addition, **tolling activity generates a considerable fiscal return to the States**, in terms of VAT, corporate tax, personal income tax, territory tax, etc. It is estimated that in average **40%**, but in some cases even **close to 50%** of toll concessions turnover are taxes that **are returned to public treasuries**. Regarding **VAT alone**, toll concessionaires generate **more than 5 billion euros per year**. On top of that, ASECAP members **employ more than 48,000 people**, not including indirect employment.

In terms of **traffic safety**, toll motorways are improving year after year. Close monitoring of the traffic, active information and warning campaigns, constant maintenance, efficient accident response are daily activities that toll concessionaires perform. Thus, from 2001 to 2017, **the fatality rate has decreased by 64% on the toll motorway network**.



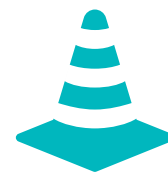
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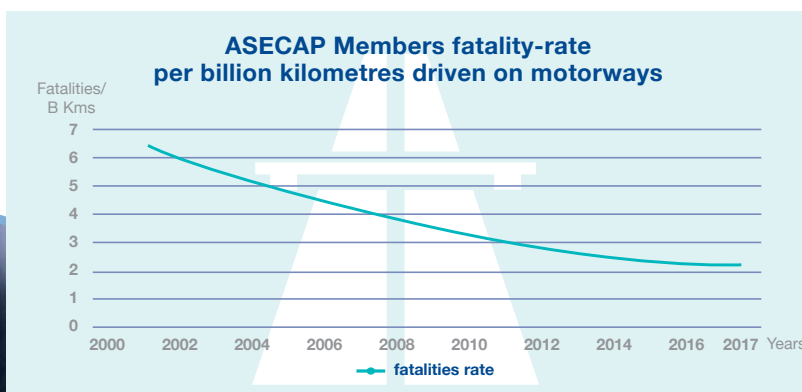
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ASECAP road
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2.4/1B Kms
ASECAP fatality rate
2017 (2.4 fatalities per
billion kilometres driven
on motorways)



€6 billion/year
in operation and
road maintenance





Tolls are the only reliable mechanism to finance and manage **interurban** motorways but also a **sustainable system to guarantee the mobility in cities**. **Intelligent tolling** in motorway access to cities (by modulating tariffs according to peak and rush hours, the occupancy of the vehicle, the air pollution emission, the traffic on parallel free roads, etc...) is a great solution to **improve mobility**, to **limit congestion** and pollution and to **generate revenue** that can be allocated to investing not only in the toll infrastructure itself, but also to extend public transport.

Europe's toll roads are Europe's safest roads, the fatality rate significantly lower than on other road networks. High standards of maintenance and investment allowed Europe's toll roads to be a major contributor to the EU's Vision Zero road safety vision.

Roads play a key role in the 'road safety triangle' of driver behavior, vehicle and infrastructure. Most accidents on motorways occur due to driver distraction (mainly by the use of mobile phone) and fatigue, driving under influence, excessive speed, not keeping safety distance, wrong way driving etc. Most of these aspects could be addressed through interoperable and inclusive vehicle connectivity. In the perspective of the transport de-carbonisation and of the upcoming automated vehicles, connectivity may also play a role in terms of system optimization.

Road operators play a key role in the deployment of automated driving, since it is their task to safeguard the highest standards of safety on their road network. ASECAP and its members are fully committed to thoroughly study and analyse the impact, to support the introduction and operation of automated vehicles and their interaction with the physical infrastructure in order to ensure the highest benefits to European citizens.

ASECAP is the European Association of Operators of Toll Road Infrastructures, whose members' networks today span more than 87,000 km of motorways, bridges, tunnels and other toll roads across 21 countries.

ASECAP's purpose is to support and develop the system of motorways and road infrastructure in Europe applying tolls as a means to ensure the financing of their construction, maintenance and operation, based on the user-pays and polluter-pays principles.

