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The White Paper of the tolled motorway operators:

A Road Manifesto for an efficient, safe, smart and sustainable transport

While another stage has been reached in the informal negotiations between the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Council on the revision of the Eurovignette Directive*, ASECAP, the European Association of operators of tolled road infrastructures, presented today a “*Road Manifesto for an efficient, safe, smart and sustainable transport*”, underlining the efficient use of toll revenues collected by the motorway concessionaires to provide a high-quality road transport service at an affordable cost.

At the occasion of the 39th ASECAP Study and Information Days taking place on 29-31 May 2011 in Brussels, this strategic paper was officially presented in the European Parliament and submitted to Saïd El Khadraoui, Member of the European Parliament and rapporteur on the revision of the Eurovignette Directive, as well as to Carlo Des Dorides, Executive Director of the European GNSS Agency. It is a strong signal from the tolled motorway operators to the European Institutions, fully in line with the ambitions of the European Commission’s White Paper of 28 March 2011 “Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area – Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system”.

The European tolled motorway operators demonstrate their full support for long-term infrastructure financing planning based on the “user-payer” and “polluter-payer” principles. They reassert their strong commitment to reinvest tolling revenues in the motorway network, in order to:

- promote **safe, secure and environmentally friendly** road transport mobility,
- implement efficient infrastructure management, safeguarding **smooth traffic flows** and reducing congestion throughout European networks,
- deploy **Intelligent Transport Systems** by the development of efficient cooperative schemes,
- follow a coordinated European approach, targeting viable actions and inspired by realistic deployment-oriented **Research and Innovation**.



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The ASECAP Days gathered about 250 road transport experts in Brussels to discuss about road infrastructure management issues with key European decision-makers. In the light of these political discussions, the important role played by the concession model, as well as the basic principles put forward in the ASECAP Road Manifesto, were widely recognised as essential elements to achieve the EU's ambitious goals in the field of land transport.

ASECAP's "*Road Manifesto for an efficient, safe, smart and sustainable transport*" is available [here](#)
The full version is available [here](#)

Notes to Editors:

ASECAP is the European Association of tolled road infrastructures operators. It gathers 20 national members managing more than 44.000 km. of road networks. ASECAP mission is to promote tolling and the direct user-payer principle as the most efficient tool to finance the construction, safe operation and effective maintenance of motorways and other major road infrastructures.

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* Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures