



Re: Member States' position on the reform of the Eurovignette Directive

Cc: Climate / Environment Ministers

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Dear Transport Ministers,

The failure, under the German presidency, to include the Eurovignette file on the agenda of transport ministers for the 28 September meeting is extremely concerning.

The June 2020 Council draft (as proposed by the Croatian Presidency) is very progressive. In particular, the provision under which new regulated trucks will in future be tolled/charged based on CO2 is transformative and, once passed, will play a vital role in reducing CO2 emissions from new trucks.

Reform of the Eurovignette is a key tool to support new investment by both truck-makers and transport operators, and deliver the transition to low-and zero-emission road transport.

As an important component of the European Green Deal, the planned revisions to the Eurovignette will also help Member States meet their climate targets.

In order not to delay the vital implementation of CO2-based tolling for trucks, we urge Ministers to agree a general approach on the Eurovignette file without any further delay.

Member States have the chance to provide a high level of certainty for both themselves and all other stakeholders - from truck-makers and logistics companies, to regulators and civil society organisations.

The Green Deal cannot be made real without decisions by EU governments. Noting that the Eurovignette proposal came on the Council table on 1 June 2017, and the European Parliament decided its position in October 2018, it would be highly regrettable if Member States failed to agree a general approach by December 2020.

Yours sincerely

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