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to the Commission**

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Subject: Unified European system for collecting road tolls

The presence of different road toll systems throughout Europe impedes the mobility of motorists and heavy vehicles.

Countries such as Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland use vignettes, a form of road pricing based on periods of time, whereas other countries such as Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom, Poland, Portugal and Greece implement road toll methods based on distance travelled.

The vignette system allows the expenses generated by managing and maintaining toll booths to be reduced, whereas the road toll system guarantees more equity by not penalising motorists on grounds of nationality.

At European level an example of a unified approach is the Eurovignette, which is a road toll for lorries of minimum 12 metric tonnes that has been adopted by Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Sweden.

Apart from this example, does the European Union plan to introduce a unified system for collecting road tolls which would be adopted by all the Member States on the basis of either time periods or distance travelled?