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to the Commission**

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Subject: Road fees in Germany

The German government is planning to introduce fees (in the form of vignettes) for using all German roads from the beginning of 2016. The new fees will primarily be incurred by foreigners, as German citizens will receive compensation in the form of a lower car tax.

The fees will primarily affect Polish tourists travelling through Germany as well as residents of border regions of Poland, the Czech Republic, Denmark and Holland, who frequently shop in Germany. The introduction of road fees will have a negative impact on small firms (shops, restaurants and service points) that rely on foreign customers to a large extent.

What is the European Commission's position regarding Germany's plan to introduce fees for using German roads, the costs of which will be borne by foreigners?

What is the European Commission's position regarding such clear discrimination e.g. of Polish businesses, which will incur additional fees for using German motorways, whilst in effect German undertakings will not incur this cost in any way?

What is the European Commission's position regarding such a clear case of unequal treatment of the citizens of other EU countries by Germany?