

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6409/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Introduction of road toll stickers ('vignettes') in Slovenia

This year Slovenia introduced the 'vignette' system for paying road tolls.

After just a few months, figures already show that the desired results have been achieved with this move, which has improved the flow of traffic and cut back traffic jams, thereby reducing pollution and fuel consumption.

When Slovenia introduced this system the Commission accused it of discrimination, and said that the charges were disproportionately high by comparison with other EU Member States. At the same time, Slovenian citizens bring to my attention the problems they have when travelling to other Member States. Therefore I would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

- What is the Commission's view on the 'environmental stickers' that are used in certain European cities and are valid for as long as the vehicle is registered, irrespective of how many times it is actually driven into the city?
- How does the Commission make it possible for measures to be proportional within the EU? The road toll from Trieste to Rome, for example, costs approximately the same as a six-month vignette in Slovenia.
- When will the Commission carry out the electronic toll collection project? How far has that project progressed? After all, it was the Commission which called on the Member States to introduce electronic toll collection as soon as possible.