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EAC reports success – Slovenia gives in to critique on road charges

Berlin/Brussels, Nov 4th 2008 – 35 € was the projected price for a ticket to pass on Slovenian motor ways – a disproportional charge, especially for tourists and an offence to the European spirit.

Already in May 2008, on the initiative of its Austrian member ARBÖ, the European Automobile Clubs (EAC) protested against the planned implementation of road charges at the European Commission. Their most substantial argument: The sole offering of a half-year vignette – from 2009, Slovenia was even intending to charge only annual vignettes – means an offence of the European Non-discrimination principle and a penalisation of tourist and transit passengers using Slovenian roads only scarcely.

Recently the open letter written by the EU deputies Jörg Leichtfried (AU) and Willy Piecyk (D, †) sent to EU transport commissioner Antonio Tajani in June made impact: Slovenia is planning to implement short-time vignettes from next year on. The EAC welcomes this decision.

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