



UETR Policy Position

Challenges facing road hauliers in the internal market

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LINK BETWEEN ROAD TRANSPORT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

- Road transport accounts for more than 50% of all persons employed in the sector;
- 2/3 of the people working in road transport enterprises are active in transport of goods;
- Transport demand is closely linked to economic growth;
- Freight transport is **the backbone of the real economy**

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CONDITIONS TO BE MET

- ▶ Harmonized Community regulations applying to all countries;
- ▶ Uniform application of regulations;
- ▶ Equal treatment for controls;
- ▶ No political intervention in favour of one mode of transport to the detriment of the others.

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ISSUES AFFECTING ROAD TRANSPORT IN EUROPE

1. Rules on controls and sanctions
2. Traffic bans
3. EU Regulation 561/2006
4. Commercial Diesel
5. European observatory on transport costs
6. Late payments
7. New EU legislation on transport contractors activity
8. Infrastructures and Alpine traffic
9. Road charging

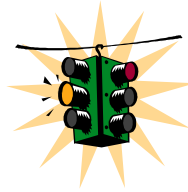
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1. Rules on controls and sanctions

- ▶ UETR demands new EU standards on controls (harmonized procedures, principles)
- ▶ Harmonized limits of transport activity in case of infringements (retention of a vehicle, etc)



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2. Traffic bans

UETR demands:

- ▶ Restrictions on traffic on certain days should be based on uniform and harmonized rules applicable throughout the EU
- ▶ A system of notification on the timing and extent of traffic restrictions (weekly and monthly) should be established
- ▶ Avoid negative consequences for the freedom to provide transport services



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3. EU Regulation 561/2006

UETR demands:

- ▶ To modify EU Regulation 561/2006 on driving time and rest periods
- ▶ To have a daily driving period not exceeding **10 hours** (instead of 9) for heavy goods vehicles drivers, not changing the current provision of a total fortnightly driving time not exceeding **90 hours**



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4. Commercial Diesel

UETR demands:

- ▶ To introduce at EU level a system of total reimbursement of excise duty and the implementation of an effective commercial diesel.



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5. European observatory on transport costs

UETR demands:

- ▶ To establish a European observatory on transport costs to monitor developments and rates
 - ▶▶ Thus putting in place a mechanism allowing rates calculated on the basis of **the actual cost of the service** and against unfair conditions imposed to road haulers undermining road safety and competitiveness.



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6. Late payments

UETR demands:

- ▶ To modify Directive 2000/35 on combating late payment in commercial transactions
 - ▶▶ A compulsory and effective mechanism fixing a period of payment of **30 days**
 - ▶▶ An enforcement system in case of late payment in commercial transactions in transport sector



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7. New EU legislation on transport contractors activity

UETR demands:

- ▶ To introduce a EU Regulation governing access to the market and profession of transport contractor
- ▶ the company must have at its disposal vehicles at least 60% wholly owned



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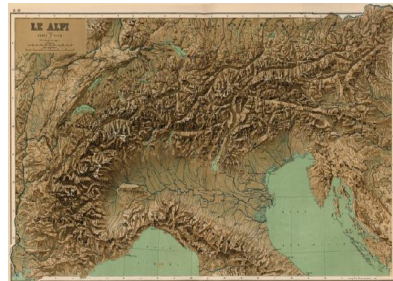
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8. Infrastructures and Alpine Traffic

UETR demands:

- ▶ To take into consideration the difficulties encountered by road haulers in Alpine Traffic (Switzerland, etc.)
- ▶ To make an assessment of the Alpine Convention



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9. Road charging

UETR agrees with the principle of
“polluter pays” ...



... **but refutes** the assertion that the users
currently pay none of the external costs

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9. Road charging

UETR demands:

- ▶ To rely on stable revenues from tolls on motorways in order to cover costs of infrastructure deterioration
- ▶ To reinvest into the road transport sector rather than co-financing the development of other modes of transport (earmarking)

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