

French Eco-tax project

- Eco-tax to apply to about **13,000 km** of roads
 - 10,500 km **non-conceded State Road Network**
 - around 2,000 km of **local governments'** roads (provisional assumption), so as to prevent serious traffic shifts
 - (conceded motorway excluded);
- Around **800,000 trucks** over 3.5 t



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Ways of payment

- Two possible methods for the tax-payer to pay eco-tax :
 - **Post-payment** if he did subscribe with an ETS provider (who provides with subscription-based billing service)
 - This way shall enable interoperability, firstly with French concession system (TIS-PL)
 - Parliamentary debates introduced possibility to grant Tax reduction to subscribers
 - **Down-payment** for casual users and other non-subscribers
 - A non-subscriber is not asked for guarantees but must make a down-payment on account, from which the eco-tax is deducted as he travels.
- In both cases, **basic service to be free** for the tax-payer, since these are the only two ways to fulfill eco-tax obligations.



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Stakeholders

- Vision of future European ET Service imposes to allow eco-tax collection through “**ETS Providers**”, who grant access to ETS to tax-payers through subscription contracts.
- Law on eco-tax provides that tax collection is entrusted to one **private partner**, “manager” of the collection domain, to be duly “**commissioned**” by the government for that.
- The **private partner** will be entitled for designing, financing, developing and operating the system for around **14 years**. Partnership contract will be awarded through bidding process based on **competitive dialog**. Call for bidders was launched on March 31st 2009
- This Managing Partner (“MP”) to be remunerated through **performance-adjusted rentals**, not directly from eco-tax revenue nor as a percentage of it.

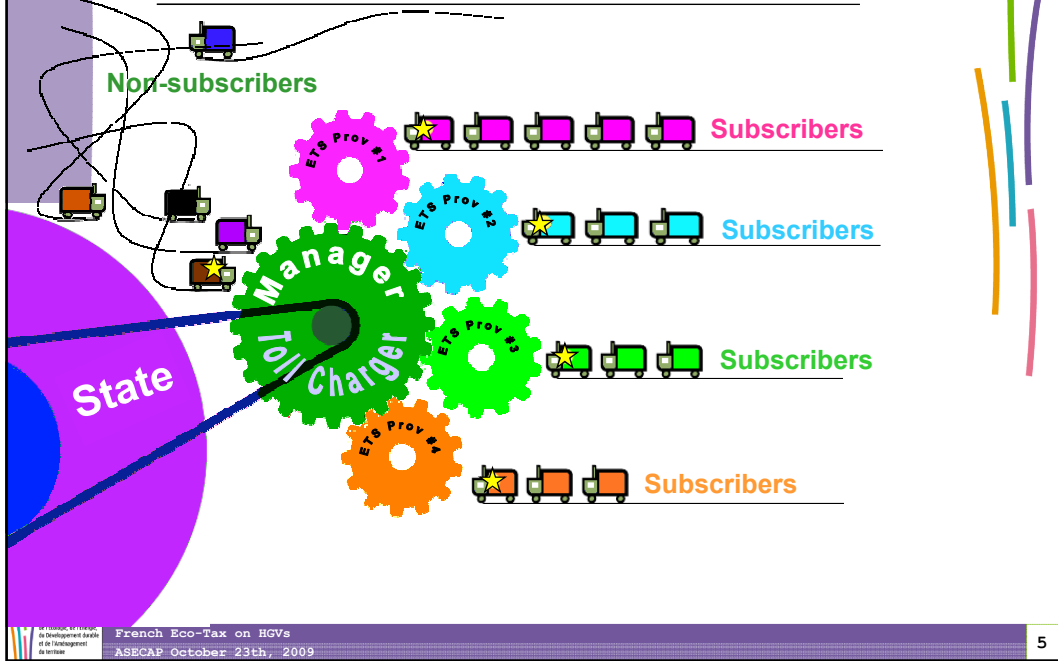


Interoperability scheme

- MP to **contract** with “ETS Providers” in charge of offering ETS subscriptions. Subscribers entitled to post-pay.
- Government, by managing procedure for **accreditation** of ETS Providers and controlling MP/providers intercourse (to be governed by a **standard contract**), to ensure that the issuing market is open to outsiders. A **Conciliatory Body** should secure non-discriminatory access of ETS Providers to ETC market.
- MP responsible for delivering by itself a “**universal**” service to non-subscribers (i.e. lending an OBE in exchange for deposit and down-payment)



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