

ASECAP Feedback to the EC Consultation for the Revision of the ITS Directive

ASECAP welcomes the revision of the ITS Directive and the Commission's intention to support for European Strategy for a Sustainable and Smart Mobility and also economic recovery. ASECAP believes that the revision of ITS Directive offers also a chance to foster C-ITS deployment by taking appropriate EU legislative measures to, move Europe closer to 'Vision Zero', and prepare Europe for higher levels of automation.

As motorway operators we are strongly supporting :

- The European Commission's orientations pursuing a 'Vision Zero' as a road safety goal in its transport policy. 'Vision Zero' aims at reducing transport fatalities to zero by 2050, it also aims at reducing serious injuries. From that perspective, ASECAP believes that the revision of ITS Directive offers also a chance to foster C-ITS deployment by taking appropriate EU legislative measures to, move Europe closer to 'Vision Zero', and prepare Europe for higher levels of automation.
- "Green deal" focusing on the decarbonization of transports aiming at eliminating CO2 emissions and addressing climate issues. Innovation efforts allow to optimize the efficiency of the network and new mobility services (carpooling, electromobility..). ASECAP members are convinced of the de-carbonisation potential of C-ITS and of its positive impact on the reduction of external cost of road transport.

For more than 20 years, motorway operators have been using technologies and intelligent transport systems to improve the network performance by reducing emissions and increasing safety performance on their networks.

ASECAP members have been very much committed to implement the ITS Directive and would like to take the opportunity of this consultation to submit some suggestions. And recommendations:

- New organisational models will be required involving the different stakeholders providing mobility services by adapting the road infrastructure to multimodal mobility options connected to other transport mode operated by metropolitan transport organisation
- A common European framework will have to be implemented for the definition and development of new traffic management concepts, which will have to be based on European services homogeneity, interoperability and backward compatibility. In this respect, common standards will have to be developed and implemented; and clear and stable legal framework will have to be established. European Commission should create a clear regulatory framework that assures that the current C-ITS installations as well as

V2I connectivity will be able to communicate with future solutions and that all C-ITS stations will be interoperable with each;

- Encourage large-scale testing and deployment in a harmonised way;
- Enhance quality and performance of communication network;
- Interference free - coexistence with ITS safety related applications and road charging;
- Data -sharing, security, crucial aspects behind the deployment of digitalization;
- Develop transparent requirements and standards to create a technologically open environment and respect the principle of proven efficiency;
- The existing infrastructures will require to be upgraded, adapted & digitalized. For this purpose, a specific framework to compensate to the existing road operators for these new investments should be defined.;
- User/pay principle with earmarked tolling allows the development of an efficient safe road infrastructure with high-level of services, long-term optimization, proper maintenance and investments without public budget. The European Commission should consider the roll-out of electronic road charging for the revision of the ITS directive:
 - to have clear standards and specifications to ease the market-entry of new technologies whilst preventing fragmentation
 - to leave the market decide on technical solutions while integrating the interoperability and compatibility aspects.

About ASECAP:

ASECAP is the European Association of Operators of Toll Road Infrastructures across 21 member countries representing 142 companies employing more than 50.000 direct jobs and 200.000 indirect jobs. They operate, maintain, manage a network of more than 88.000 km with a long-term vision that ensures highest quality standards to make the road infrastructure safest thank to the user/payer principle providing sustainable financing. Road operators play an essential role in service integration and the traffic information provided to end-users.

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