

Brussels, 10 January 2022

**Subject: Approval for the Eurovignette agreement is urgently needed**

Dear Members of the European Parliament,

We - please see the logos below - are a wide range of stakeholders keenly urging Members of the European Parliament to support the reform of the Eurovignette Directive in the upcoming votes.

In June 2021 negotiators on behalf of the European Parliament and Council reached an agreement on revising this directive in trilogue negotiations. Last November this agreement was formally adopted by Council. On January 13<sup>th</sup>, the European Parliament's TRAN committee will formally vote on the agreement before a plenary vote expected in mid-February.

The EU, its Member States, vehicle manufacturers and transport operators are all increasing their climate commitments in line with Fit for 55. With this comes the need to give planning and investment certainty for the most energy efficient technology. One of the best ways to achieve this is by varying truck tolls according to climate emissions. This has been discussed across the EU since the European Commission presented its proposal to revise the Eurovignette Directive in June 2017. Varying truck tolls for CO<sub>2</sub> is now at the heart of the reform agreed in trilogue, as it should be. And, if reflected in law, this revision will provide the long-promised and urgently needed reform to enable the transition to zero emission freight vehicles.

There is broad support across civil society and the corporate sector for the agreed deal, as shown by stakeholder reaction to both the trilogue agreement in June, and the informal vote of the TRAN committee in July.

The transport transition to reducing climate impact and zero emission vehicles cannot advance in a timely way without the legislative reform needed to deliver it. After more than four and half years of negotiations, now is the time to close this deal, and we urge you to support it.

Yours sincerely,

Signatories:



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