

# A BETTER MANAGEMENT OF FREIGHT TRANSPORT : *Grenelle de l'Environnement*

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# FRANCE NATURE ENVIRONNEMENT

- An NGO dealing with all and every environmental issues
- More than 3 000 associations throughout France

# The French context

- France is a transit country
- More than 8 500 km of motorways with toll
- Germany introduced « LKW MAUT » early 2005



# ON THE WAY TO EUROVIGNETTE

1. A reference file on Eurovignette by FNE,
2. The ALSACE case study
3. «Grenelle de l'Environnement »

# A REFERENCE FILE ON EUROVIGNETTE

- Supported by french ministers,
- Managed by FNE,
- Involving all concerned partners

# A REFERENCE FILE ON EUROVIGNETTE

## The output of the study

- An expertise handbook about the costs of freight transport in France
  - ➔ approved by the ministry
- A list of proposals
  - ➔ towards Eurovignette and some additional incentives



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## The proposals

- Implementation of Eurovignette
- Reduction of some taxes (axle tax, .....)
- Financial incentive for buying less polluting lorries

# The ALSACE case study

- The German tax (LKW MAUT) implemented from January 1st, 2005
- No tolling system on the motorways in ALSACE
- A shift of transit lorries from Germany to the neighbouring region : ALSACE





# The ALSACE case study

- Regional NGO request the implementation of a taxation system....
- Early 2006, the French law allows a distance base taxation system for lorries in ALSACE
- The implementation is pending.....

# « Grenelle de l'Environnement »

- A national debate involving 5 partners : government, regions and large cities, economy, unions and environmental NGOs
- The « climate » action plan focuses on transport issues

# « Grenelle de l'Environnement »

## « A road charging system »

- To allow a significant modal shift,
- Taking into account infrastructure costs
- Interoperability on an EU basis

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## Main parameters

- All « non toll » motorways and main roads :  
→ 6 000 km
- Distance based,
- Pollution class and number of axles
- Any lorry > 3,5 Tons

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## A road charging system

- Designed to include external costs
- To be expanded to all other roads

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## A road charging system

- To be implemented in ALSACE for 2010,
- In all other regions by 2011

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## The pending issues

- Law to be approved by June 2008
- The financial balance should facilitate modal shift !!!!

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## Preparing EU French presidency :

- Supporting the revision of the Eurovignette directive,
- Pending decision for fuel taxation.



# Further information

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