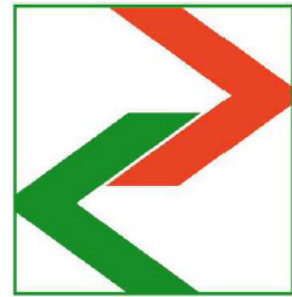




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Position of the AEBR on the Plan of the German federal government to introduce a toll system for passenger cars on all German roads

Following a decision of its General Assembly that took place on 11th September 2014 in Rzeszów (Poland), the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) would like to express its disagreement with the intention of the German federal ministry of traffic to introduce a toll system for passenger cars for **all** German roads. Up to now there is no concrete draft legislation document. But the AEBR feels the need to react.

For several decades the AEBR has promoted through the European institutions and by its own the reduction of the gap between further developed regions in the inner countries and less developed, often weaker border regions. The introduction of a toll system on all German roads, as communicated up to now, would be counterproductive for this process in future and would create an obstacle to cross-border cooperation.

Consequently, the AEBR asks to take into account in the current debate the particular needs and objectives of cross-border regions.

Cross-border cooperation, as it has been developed in Europe, was initiated at the borders of Germany in the fifties, being a reference for many other border areas in Europe and in other continents. A measure like the now proposed toll regulation would have a discriminatory effect and would mean a step backwards in the process of European integration.

In this sense, the AEBR asks the German government to re-consider this subject while having in mind the concerns of border regions.

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