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## **Statements by individuals from CIPRA and other representatives of the population along the transit axes**

“From a cross-border perspective, only a strong Eurovignette directive with high regional toll mark-ups can correct the current dramatic imbalance. Truck transit traffic through Germany, France, Italy and Slovenia must also be subject to high charges, otherwise there will be no reduction in traffic and most of the dirt and noise will remain in the valleys around the Brenner Pass, just like today”.

**Kaspar Schuler, Co-Director CIPRA International, Schaan, Liechtenstein**

“The revision of the infrastructure costs directive must at long last integrate external costs and allow us to significantly increase the charges for north-south road transit so that truck transport will finally be reduced and rail will play the main role in the future.”

**Eva Lichtenberger, former member of the European Parliament, Hall in Tirol, Austria**

“The reform of the Eurovignette is a major step in transport policy. It should allow air pollution to be reduced and improve the quality of life in the Alps. Better use of tolls would constitute a lever for financing the modal shift so that there are fewer trucks using the major roads.”

**Jean Horgues-Debat, President of CIPRA France, Gap, France**

“Within 20 years, thanks to targeted policies and the construction of the new Alpine railway link, up to 500,000 trucks have been taken off the roads through our valleys each year. Switzerland's major investments are thus bearing fruit. Now is the time for Europe too to play its part because, in order to completely free our mountains from international north-south transit traffic, we need viable alternatives to the roads from Genoa to Rotterdam.”

**Samuele Censi, Mayor of Grono and member of the Graubünden Cantonal Parliament, Grono, Switzerland**

“As a resident of the Inn Valley I can see first-hand that the problems caused by Alpine transit traffic already exceed the limits of the tolerable. By pricing of air and noise pollution it must be made possible to manage transit traffic appropriately in the sensitive areas of the Alps so as to protect climate, people and nature. The quality of life of the inhabitants must not be sacrificed to freight transport.”

**Maria Noichl, Member of the European Parliament, Rosenheim, Germany**

“Transit traffic flows in the Alps need to be limited and better managed; we are bound by Climate Goals and the Alpine Convention. The provisions of the Eurovignette should respect the “polluter pays” principle and comply with EU emission and pollutant limit values, as air quality is key to maintaining public health.”

**Matej Ogrin, President of CIPRA Slovenia, Golimsko, Slovenia**

“At a historic moment like the present, it is necessary to take every political measure that will contribute to traffic reduction and enable the shift of traffic from road to rail. We appreciate the objectives of the new Eurocharging Directive, which aims to improve the environmental situation, but it is essential to include all the environmental costs of transport.”

**Vanda Bonardo, President of CIPRA Italia, Lessolo, Italy**



"Over 40,000 people in South Tyrol live in areas along the Brenner route that exceed the nitrogen oxide threshold. The infrastructure costs directive thus needs to be improved to ensure that the health limits that have been in force across the EU since 2010, yet to date have been continuously exceeded along the Brenner route, are finally respected."

**Klauspeter Dissinger, Brixen, Chairman of the Organisation for Nature and Environmental Protection / CIPRA South Tyrol, Italy**

#### **CIPRA, a diverse and multifaceted organisation**

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