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Decarbonizing Road Infrastructure: Challenges,

Perspectives and Actions in Tough Economy





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Spanish proposal for a sustainable nationwide road infrastructure financing program investments

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3rd largest HCR network

17.387 km



Old: 47% of the HCR

> **30** years



Poor allocation for maintenance

≈2 B€/year instead of 4,3 B€/year



Accumulate deficit of maintenance

10 B€



Road accidents

>1,000 fatalities ≈4,000 serious injuries



Slow path for decarbonization

Emissions reduction

- 1990-2020: ES -8% VS EU -29%
- 2020-2021: ES +3% VS EU -5%
- 2022: Negative expectations (Gas & fuel consumption increase, higher transport demand, droughts limit hydroelectricity...)



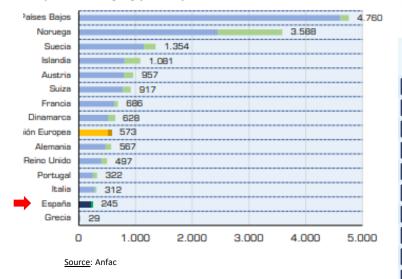
Scarce digitalization

ES scored 4,47/10 in the "Autonomous Vehicle readiness" ranking

"Driving in a poorly maintained road supposes a 10% more of fuel consumption"

Source: Asociación Española de la Carretera

Nº public charging points per million/hab



AV ready countries



Source: Confused.com



Urgent need to upgrade the road network and to face its green and digital transition

10.6 B€ in the toll free HCR network





Improvements on existing roads

- → Road surfacing improvement
- Vertical signage improvement
- → Horizontal signage improvement
- Emergency areas
- Access control systems

874 M€



Road digitalization

- Digital adaptation of infrastructure (Deployment of RSU / 5G / digitalization of pre-existing sensors)
- → Infrastructure for data storage
- Advanced mobility solutions
- Management digitalization
- → Fiber Optics deployment

1.5 B€



Green transition of roads

- → Carbon sinks associated to roads
- Noise reduction program
- Road lighting optimization to maximize energy efficiency
- → Infrastructure adaptation to climate change

2.1 B€



Road safety

- Directive 2019/1936 on road infrastructure safety
- → 2+1 roads program
- Safety improvement for vulnerable users

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Electric charging points

- 1 electric station / 50 km
- 1 station / direction
- → 12 ultra-rapid charging points / station

3.7 B€ (1)



Safe parking areas

→ 1 station / 150 km

547 M€

1.8 B€ ⁽¹⁾

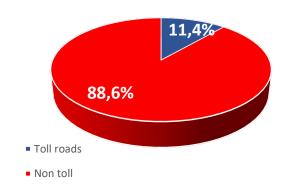




High capacity network free of toll 88,6%

HIGH CAPACITY ROAD NETWORK (KM)

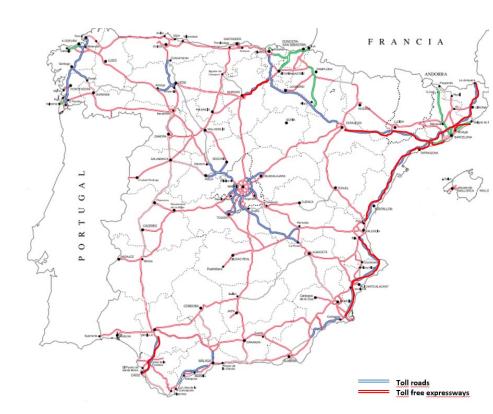
Toll 1.984 Non toll 15.402 17.387





Massive use of roads

- Rail transport market share is only 3,6%
- Higher damage of roads
- Unsustainable financing
- Increase of road transport externalities
- Traffic congestion
- Different treatment by region





Spanish Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan

COMPONENT 1: Sustainable, safe and connected mobility shock plan in urban and metropolitan environment



"Introduce economic signals to the market to encourage more sustainable and efficient behaviours.

Internalization of external costs linked to factors such as environmental impact, congestion or infrastructure maintenance.

Development of a <u>predictable financing model for maintenance of infrastructure</u> within the framework of European regulation.

<u>Establish a pay per use system in the State's road network</u>, which can be extended to other roads <u>by introducing "the polluter pays" and "user pays" principles.</u>

Incentives to most sustainable and efficient vehicles.

The <u>effective implementation could be carried out in 2024</u>. According to international experience, 2 to 3 years is the minimum time needed to develop the regulatory instruments and create the structure."





Everything is still undefined





- Road charged
- Vehicles charged
- Charging scheme
- Business model
- Public/Private operation
- Technology
- Toll tariffs
- Discounts / rebates
- Enforcement
- Term for implementation
- Coexistence with existing toll roads
- Etc...

SEOPAN proposal

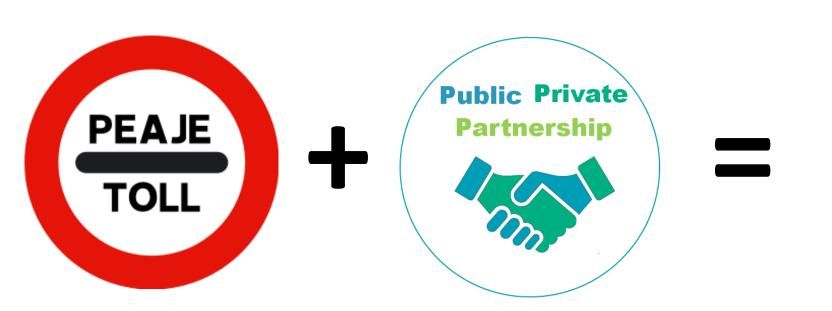


- Interurban expressways currently free of charge (13.674 km)
- All vehicles
- Toll per km travelled
- Concessions to private companies for 25 years
- 6-7 lots
- DSRC / Mobile / Video



Includes investments to upgrade the road network and to face its green and digital transition





Upgrade the road network
Green transition
Digital adaptation
Smart mobility
Sustainable transport system

