# Road transport: the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures, Eurovignette

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This Commission Staff Working Document has been prepared in accordance with Article 11(4) of Directive 1999/62/EC. It provides a summary of the measures that internalise or reduce transport externalities related to environment, noise and health.

The report:

- introduces the principal findings of a study that was carried out by external consultants to collect information on existing policies for the pricing of externalities in transport. The focus is on pricing measures rather than on regulation, in line with the economic concept of ‘internalisation’ of externalities;
- summarises, following the request of the Eurovignette Directive, the regulatory measures that aim at reducing transport externalities. It does so by complementing with the latest developments the information contained in the “Greening Transport Inventory” accompanying the Communication on Greening Transport, which summarised the different kinds of measures taken to reduce the negative impact of transport until 31 March 2008;

refers to some other non-regulatory measures that also contribute to the abatement of negative externalities and provides updated information on the implementation of the Commission’s internalisation strategy.