COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE MACEDONIAN ROAD TOLLING SYSTEM WITH EU TRENDS

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Summary: Road tolling through the history was progressing from the manual to various forms of electronic payment. The development of electronic-payment technology is very dynamic in the recent years, with a rapid implementation of various technologies. Thus, a large number of different, mostly electronic tolling systems, are currently in use in Europe. The aim of this work is to analyze toll system in Macedonia in comparison with the EU trends. The analysis of the current toll system in Macedonia is from a financial, traffic, environmental, and socio-economic aspects. In addition, the paper analyzes existing tolling systems in Europe, development trends, as well as EU regulations and directives on road tolling. Consequently, short-term and long-term policy recommendations for Macedonian road tolling system are provided.

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