09:30 Introduction

Opening remarks from Jack Short, ECMT Secretary General

Introduction from the Chair, Arie Bleijenberg, TNO, Chairman of the ECMT Group on Fiscal and Financial Aspects of Transport

09:40 Germany's LKW Maut: Experience in the first year of operation and Lessons learned for the procurement of charging systems

Gerhard Schulz, Ministry of Transport will assess operation of the Maut. Germany has vital experience in what can go wrong in procuring sophisticated charging systems and how to put things right. Other countries could benefit from understanding the problems to avoid.

10:40 Matching technology to policy objectives

Hermann Hofstetter, Ministry of Transport will report on the successful introduction and operation of truck km-charges in Austria.

11:25 Coffee

11:45 Charging technology and cost effectiveness

Bernhard Oehry, Rapp Trans AG Switzerland will discuss a systems based approach to cost effectiveness based on his company’s experience with Swiss and Austrian truck charging systems and work undertaken for the UK government on its proposed, but abandoned, lorry road user charge.

12:30 Russia: Plans for the introduction of truck-km charges

Vadim Donchenko, Road Transport Research Institute will outline the current situation in planning for the introduction of new charges for the use of Russian roads.

13:00 Lunch
14:00 How much does a charging scheme cost? - The London experience

Michele Dix, Transport for London will discuss the London Congestion Charging System and what has been learnt on cost effectiveness in examining possible changes in the charging technology deployed.

15:10 Coffee

15:30 The Stockholm road pricing experiment

Gunnar Söderholm, Head of the Stockholm Congestion Charging Office will introduce Stockholm’s cordon charge system and the technology choices made and discuss preliminary results from the evaluation of the charging system that Transek is currently undertaking for the government of the city.

16:30 The Netherlands: Development of a road user km-charge for all vehicles

Petrouschka Werther, Ministry of Transport will discuss plans for the development of a road charging system following the decision of Parliament in February 2006 to replace current road and vehicle sales taxes with a km charge in 2012, if a cost effective system can be designed.

17:10 Conclusions

Arie Bleijenberg will sum up the lessons learned from the experience presented in the conference for: choosing charging system architecture and technology to match policy objectives; ensuring cost-effectiveness; and managing procurement so that government controls critical technology choices whilst the risks of ensuring the system operates effectively remain with the contracted operator.

17:30 Conference closes