

# **Successful Implementation of the Austrian electronic tolling system**



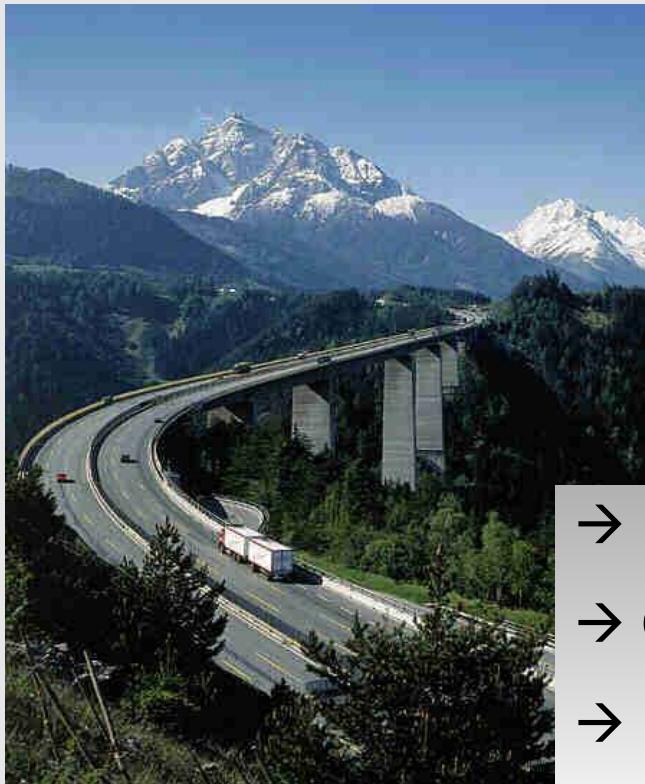
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## **Agenda**

1. ASFINAG
2. EFC System
  - Technical decision
  - Operation model
  - Facts and Figures

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- Review
- Company structure, Route network
- Main tasks
- Vision – Intelligent Highway

# Company structure and route network



- ASFINAG motorways and expressways already operating
- ASFINAG motorways and expressways under construction
- Motorways and expressways planned
- Special toll sections



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## Main tasks



New constructions



Operational Maintenance



Structural Maintenance



Tolls & Toll Sticker

## **2. EFC System: Technical desicion and Operation model**



- Technical desicion
- Operation model
- Facts and Figures

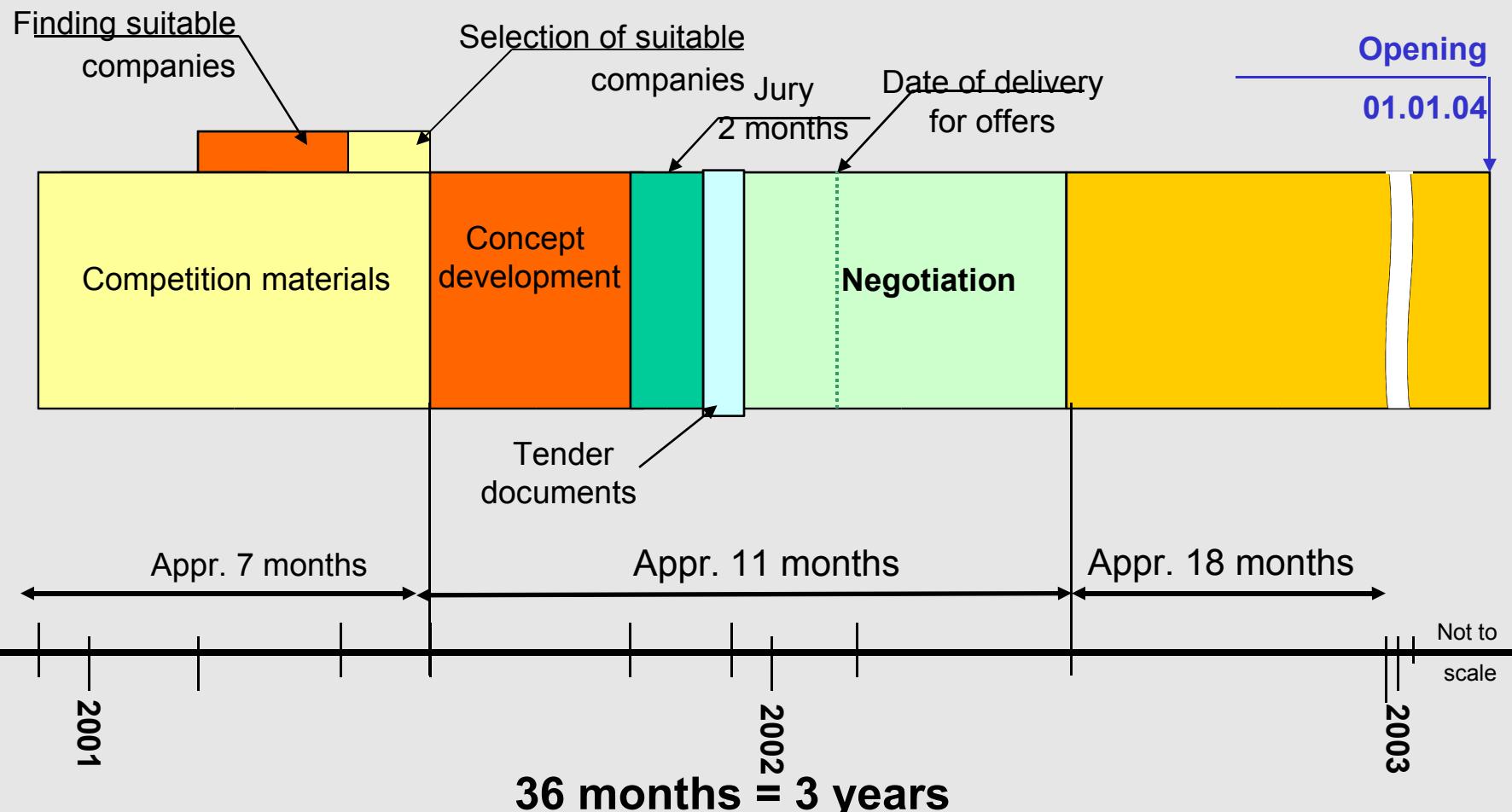
## Starting position Nov. 2000:

- Toll stickers for vehicles < 12 tons
- 6 tolled sections (tolling by manual toll stations)
- Yearly loss of ASFINAG → 150 Mio. Euro
  - Need for additional financing sources
  - Solution should be quick, effective and cheap!
- Distance related toll for vehicles > 3,5 tons

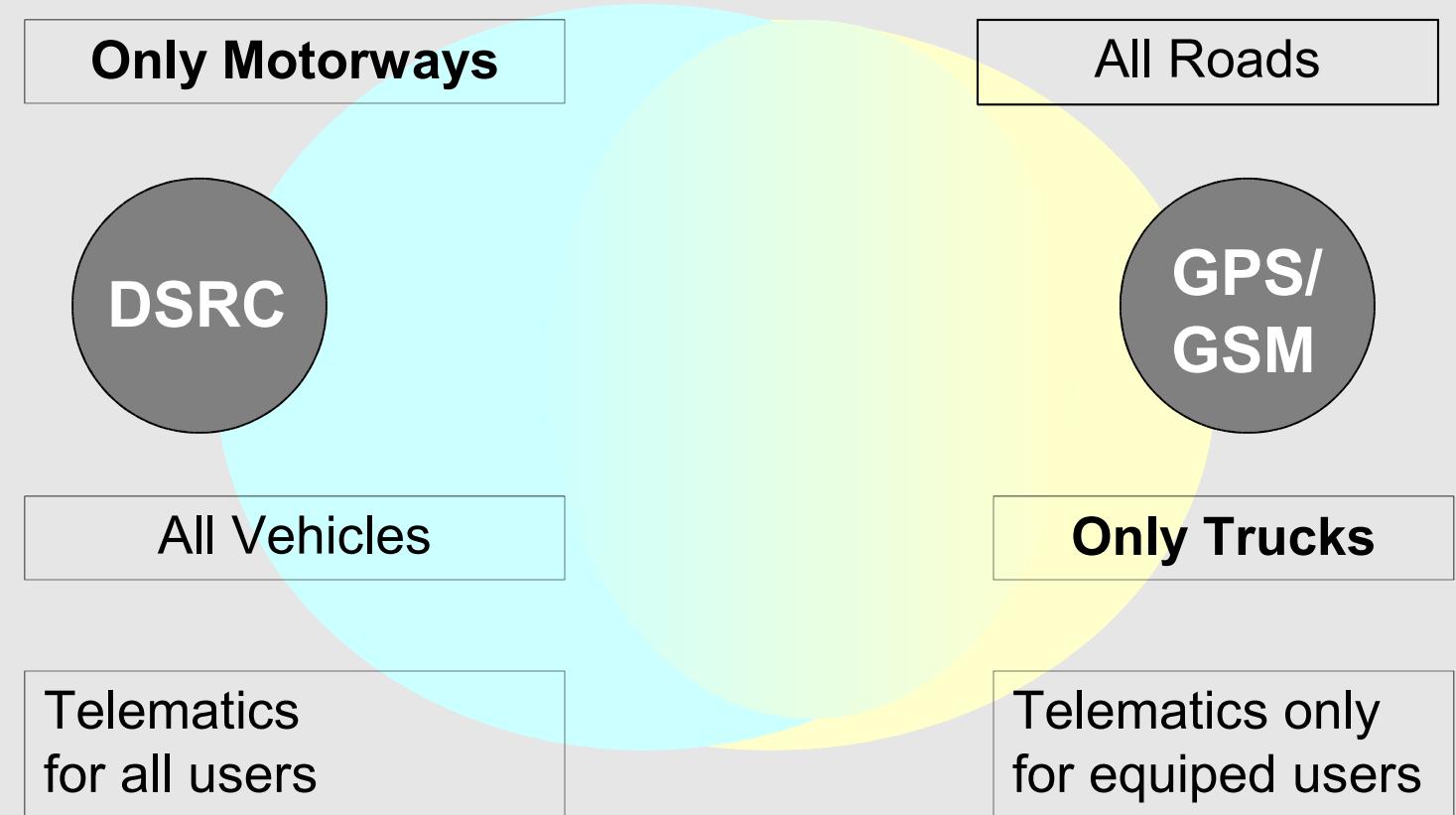
# The main objects of the project

- Operation of a system which allows levying road tolls
  - on all vehicles with maximum weight of more than 3,5 tonnes
  - for use of primary road network (appr. 2.000 km)
  - with a possibility of own tariff rates on each section (around 400)
- Tolls are based on the distance travelled and the type of the vehicle
- Rates differ according to the number of axles
- "Interoperability" with other European toll system
- **TECHNOLOGICAL OPEN TENDER PROCESS FOR AN OPERATOR MODEL**

# Main steps towards implementation



Technical decision  
**Fundamental**

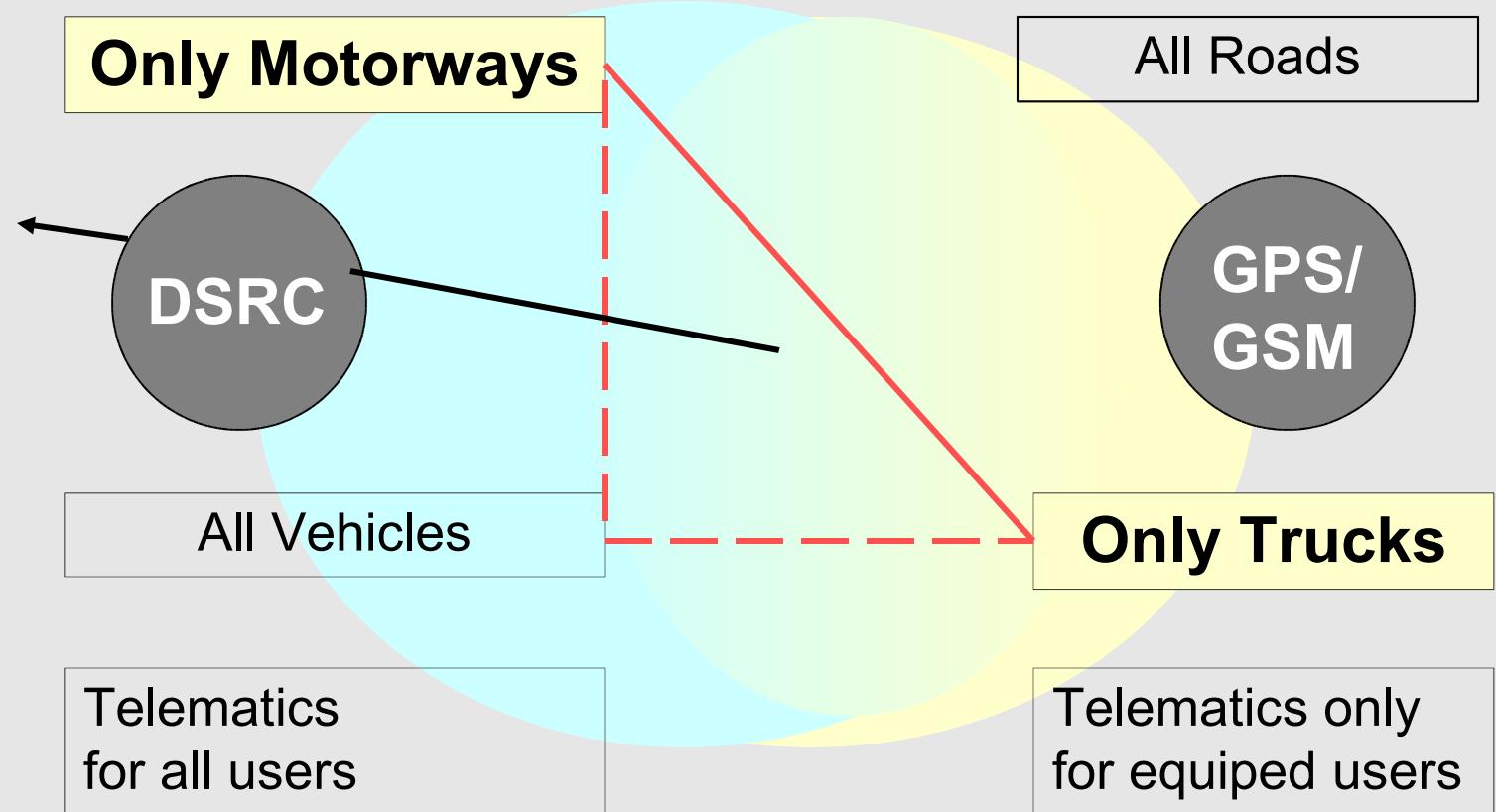


Technical decision  
**Fundamental**

Austria:

Only motorways but only with vehicle > 3,5 t max permissible weight:

- trucks
- busses
- mobile homes



Technical decision

## Advantages of the possible technologies

### DSRC-System

- User friendly -> No installation / Easy handling / low price
- High level of transparency-> System in hands of operator
- Easily expandable to other user groups (passenger cars)
- Road infrastructure usable – for checks (traffic safety) or as information for equipped or non-equipped vehicles
- No second system required, as the obligatory OBU for vehicles are easily accessible and their provision is non-discriminatory

### GPS/GSM-System

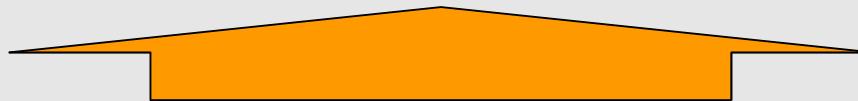
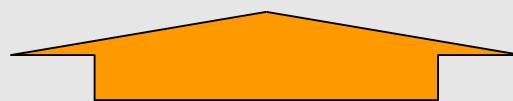
- Only small constructional investments required
- OBU can store/process/analyse many data
- The European satelite system Galileo can be used in the long term
- Easily expandable to other roads and regions
- Information can be trasferred selectively to the user of the OBU → this service can be charged separately

## Assessment of technologies:

- Both technologies are feasible for the Austrian highway network
- Assessment by price and quality parameters
  - Price: Overall Cost for construction and 10 years of operation
  - Quality: Fulfilment of additional requirements
- Pros and Cons of both systems equalised each other

## Operation Model

**Best offer evaluation (1)**

Costs maximal 70 points	Quality maximal 30 points
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Operation Model

## Best offer evaluation (2)

	A-WAY	RSA* Offer 1	RSA* Offer 2	AUTOSTRADE
POINTS - Factor Price				
POINTS- Factor Quality	...	...	...	...
	87,51	84,10	86,02	90,86
				

\*) RSA = Road Services Austria

## Operation Model

# Contracting with an operator

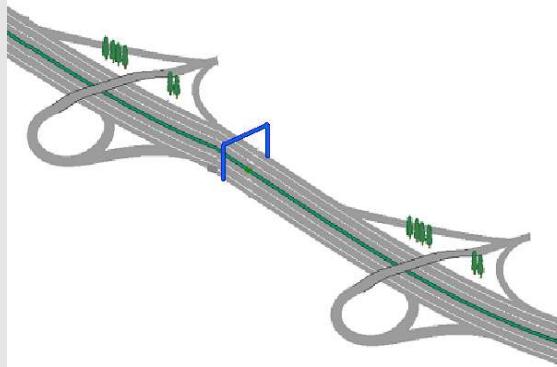
- Operating time: 10 years, Extension of a period: max. 5 years
- Technology: DSRC MW 5,8 GHz according CEN TC 278
- Tasks of the operator
  - Planning and financing
  - Installation
  - Operation
- Requirements of the contracting body
  - User-friendliness
  - Availability of GO-boxes
  - Free Flow Multilane...
- Brand for the tolling system:



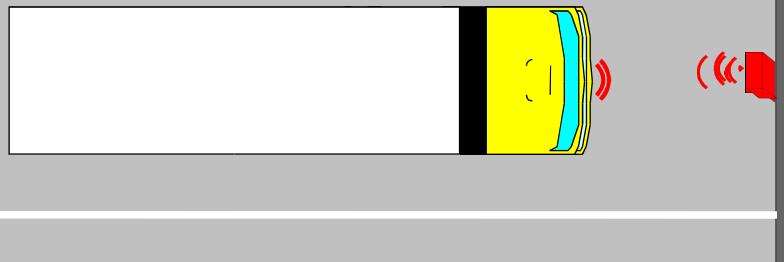
Components of the tolling system:

## Road side infrastructure

Open tolling system

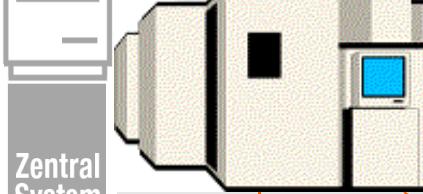


Free flow multilane system



- **Tolling system – visible components: Tolling gantries and GO-Box**

# Components of the tolling system

**Call Center****GO-Box****Tolling Gantry****Central System****Enforcement Center****Enforcement Gantry****Points of Sale****Mobile Enforcement**

## Components of the tolling system:

### GO-BOX



- Mandatory on-board unit
- Handling fee per GO-Box: € 5 (incl. VAT)
- Can be set for 3 different vehicles categories (number of axles: 2, 3, 4+)
- GO-Box is personalised, i.e. registered for a specific license plate, basic vehicle category, payment means
- Based on 5.8 GHz DSRC



- Post-pay or Pre-pay possible

## Components of the tolling system:

### Sales network



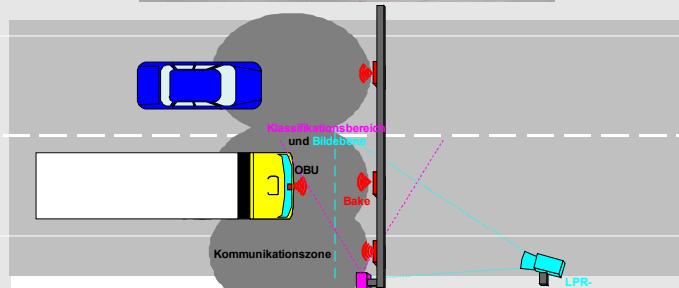
- Approx. 220 points of sale
- Non-discriminatory system access
- Staffed points of sale and vending machines
- Within Austria and on the access roads in the neighbouring countries
- At petrol stations, motorway services, forwarding agencies, service centres
- Purchase, return of GO-Box, checking of the last 30 transactions, loading prepay, back payment
- Regular training and follow-up training of POS staff

## Components of the tolling system:

### Enforcement



- **100 fixed enforcement gantries**



20 portable enforcement devices



130 enforcement officers

30 vehicles

## Basic figures of the tolling system:

### Construction

Number of tolling sections	About 800
Concrete used for tolling stations	About 10.000 m <sup>3</sup>
Steel used for gantry construction	About 3.000 t
Number of microwave-beacons	About 2.500
Number of vehicle-km subject to toll	About 3.250 Mio. km / year
Number of trips subject to toll	About 50 Mio. / year

## Basic figures of the tolling system:

- Reliable charging (< 0,1% incomplete transactions) also in case of heavy winter conditions
- Avg. 1,8 Mio daily toll transactions (Peak: more than 2 Mio.)
- Mainly post payment used
- 130 toll inspectors
- Less than 2 % toll evaders
- Very high user acceptance without major problems for the user
- No major problems for the operator
- About 3000 user contracts with Swiss OBU  
**(first world wide interoperability between 2 countries)**

## Further Goals:

- Improve the comfort for the user
  - (eg. Clearing of missed transaction, presentation of the invoice)
- Establishing new features (on demand of user or politics)
- Establishing interoperability with the Italian Telepass System
- Establishing interoperability with the new Slovenian ABC System
- Establishing Interoperability with the new French TIS System

# Facts and Figures

1st January – 31th August 04

- | Transactions > 400 Mio.
- | Turnover > 480 Mio. €
- | GO-Boxes distributed ca. 400.000

## Conclusion:

- The system fits the demand of the user and the operator / patron
- The system can be operated by the client (truck driver)
- The system works without major problem
- The system could be installed very quick (18 month)

Thank you very much for your attention

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