

# SATELLITE POSITIONING INNOVATIONS IN TOLLING

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# Ascendi's Expertise in Tolling



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Ascendi is a **one-stop-shop** company providing **end-to-end solutions** for toll industry, tailored to address customer needs.

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## OUR OPERATIONS

Ascendi is a service provider for toll collection operations with more than 20 years of experience in distinct toll collection models.

### Portugal:

- 2 traditional toll operations
- 7 electronic toll operations

### France:

- 1 electronic toll operation in development

## WHAT WE DO

### AET (MLFF)

- All Electronic Toll Collection;
- Light-duty and heavy-duty vehicles;
- **7 systems** in full operation;
- **136** collecting points;
- **150M** annual transactions.

### TRADITIONAL TOLLING

- Manual and automatic lanes both in open or closed systems;
- Electronic Free Flow Single Lanes;
- **26** toll plazas.



## WHAT WE OFFER

One of the largest European private operator of AET systems for multi-vehicle category, Ascendi provides end-to-end solutions, covering the complete lifecycle of design, implementation and operation of any kind of toll collection system.

**Experience and Expertise is our added value in the toll collection value chain.**

**1. PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY ASSURANCE** are addressed to develop end-to-end solutions. Best quality for the minimum cost.

### 2. MODULAR AND SCALABLE SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

**ROAD SIDE EQUIPMENT (RSE)**

**OPERATING BACK-OFFICE (OBO)**

**COMMERCIAL BACK-OFFICE (CBO)**

### 3. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Transaction's processing and collection

Interfaces with External Entities

Customer Management and Support

Collection Management

Enforced Collection

- End-to-End industry solution regardless of the RSE technology
- Process harmonization and business optimization
- Natural integration with external entities
- Software's stability and technical strength
- Multi-Company solution
- Scalable solution

## INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

Some of the technological solutions that have been implemented

Satellite Collection pilot project in Portugal with demonstrated technical feasibility

Launch of a Mobile Application for customers (toll payments and account management and customer support)

Implementation of Robotic Process Automation (RPA) technology supporting day-to-day client related operations

# Tolled Roads in the 20th Century



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# Tolled Roads in the 21st Century



# Satellite-Based Tolling in Europe

GNSS is the technology of choice for nationwide toll systems.

Switzerland 2001

Germany 2005

Slovakia 2010

Hungary 2013

Belgium 2016

Bulgaria 2020

Czech Republic 2019\*

Poland 2021\*




Lithuania 2024

Denmark 2025

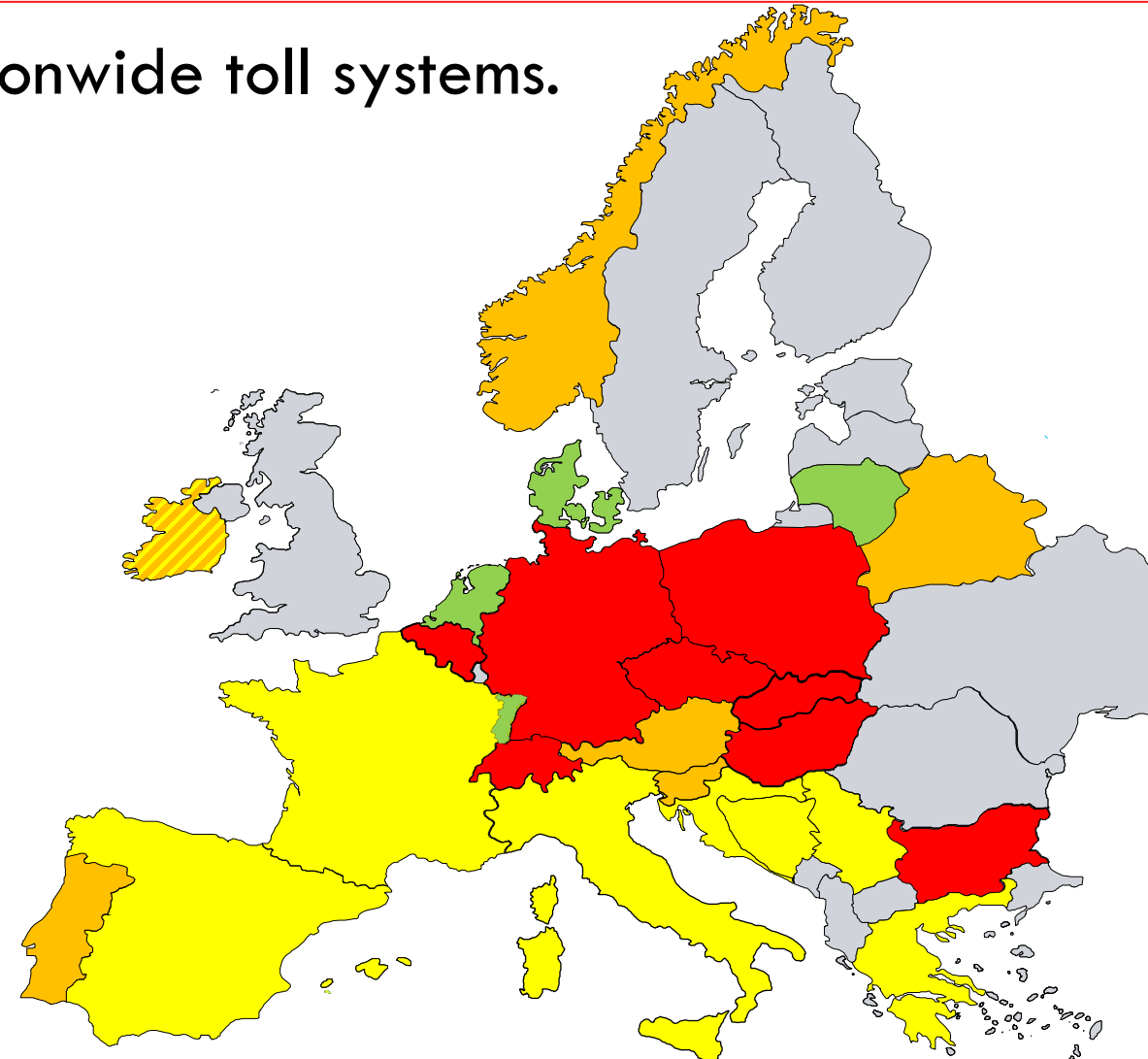
Alsace, France 2025

Netherlands 2026

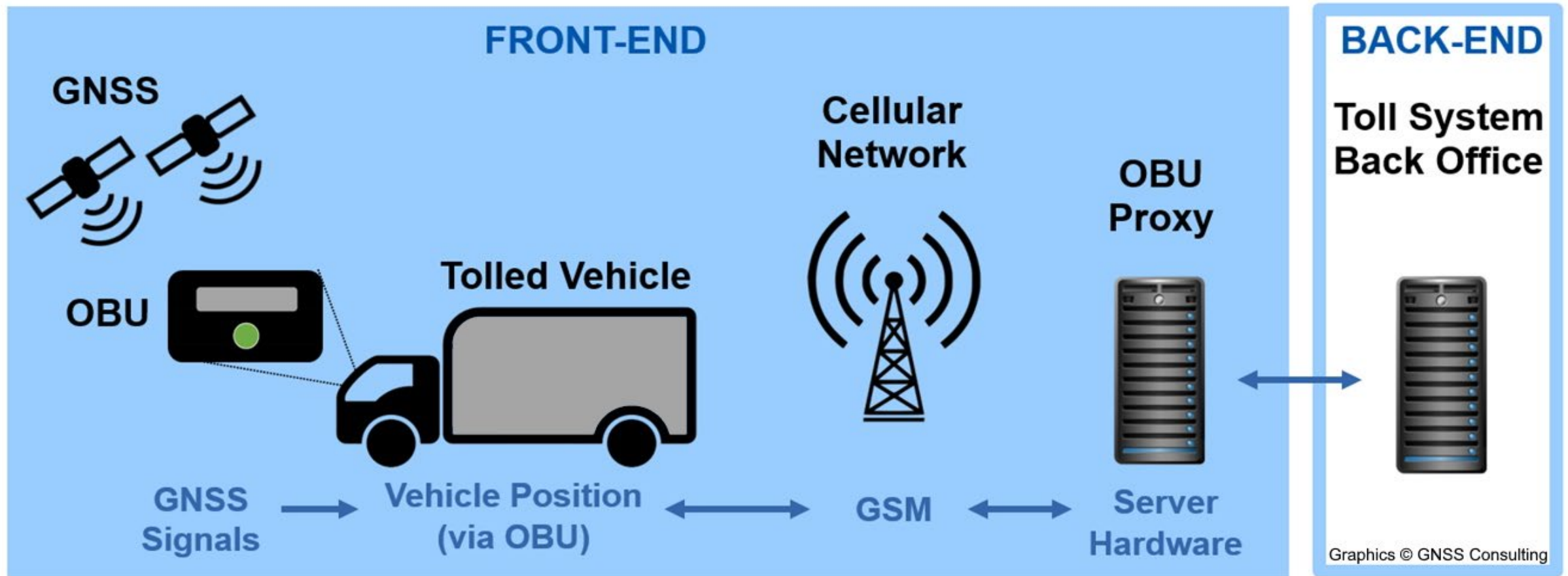
*All new systems will rely heavily on the European Electronic Toll Service (EETS)*

-  Toll Plazas with DSRC lanes
-  MLFF using DSRC
-  GNSS MLFF

\* GNSS replaced DSRC

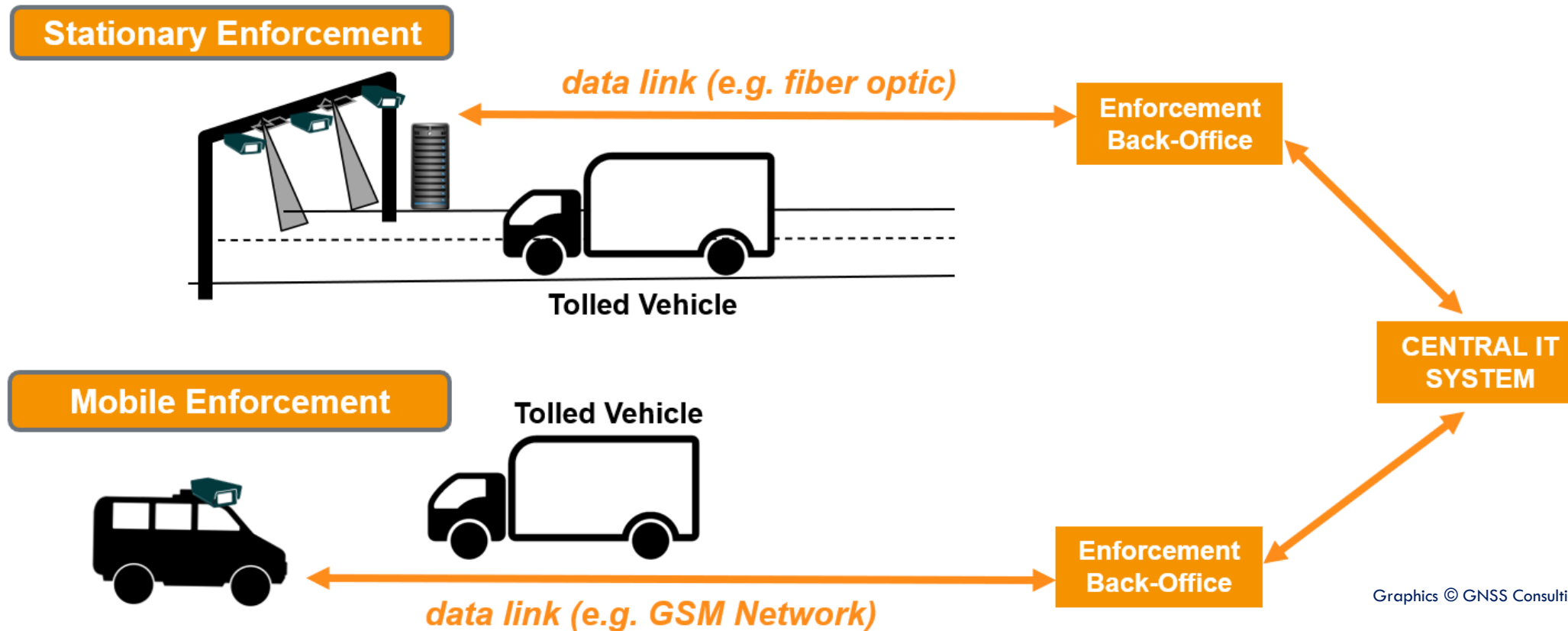


# How GNSS-Based Tolling Works



# How Enforcement for GNSS Works

GNSS schemes also use roadside infrastructure, but comparatively much less.



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# Using Multiple Satellite Systems

## GNSS is much more than just GPS.



### Multi-Constellation

Improved availability and position accuracy.



### Multipath Resistance

Mitigation of multipath effects in urban canyons.



### Signal Authentication

Galileo provides services that can detect spoofing.



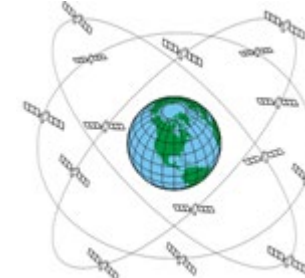
### GPS (USA)

6 orbital planes  
24 satellites (+1)  
55° inclination  
20,200 km altitude



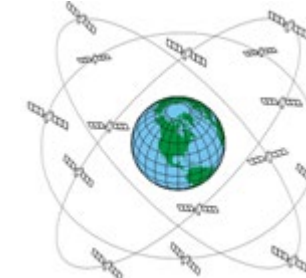
### Galileo (Europe)

3 orbital planes  
27 satellites (+3)  
56° inclination  
23,616 km altitude



### BeiDou-3 (China)

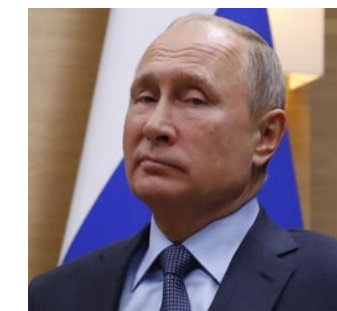
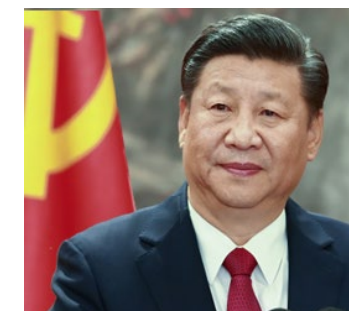
3 orbital planes  
24 satellites (+6)  
55° inclination  
21,500 km altitude



### Glonass (Russia)

3 orbital planes  
21 satellites (+3)  
54.8° inclination  
19,100 km altitude

Galileo is the only civilian-operated GNSS: EU Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA)





# GNSS is Far More Cost Effective

Czech Republic demonstrates how GNSS-based tolling is far more cost-effective.

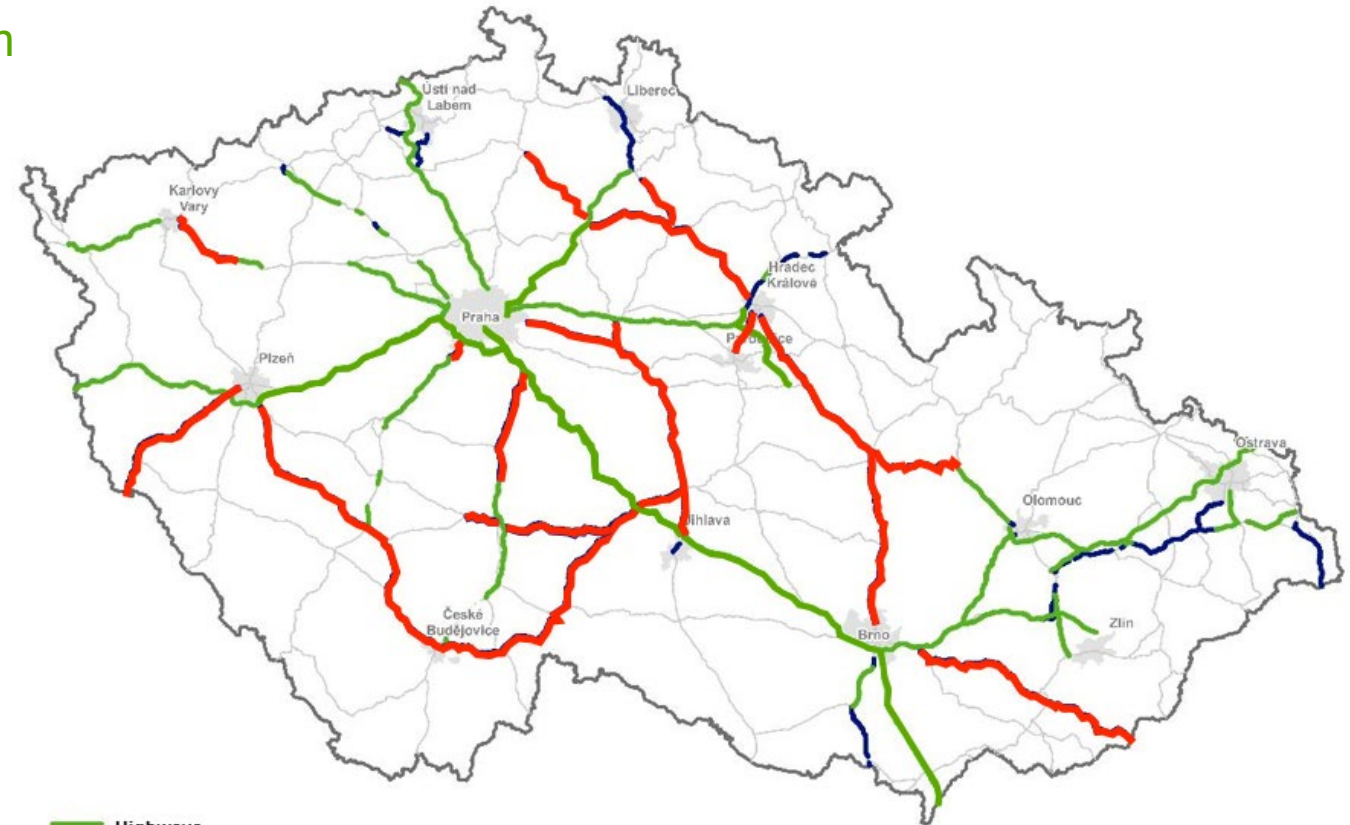
Tolled Road Network was extended from 1,500 km (with DSRC) to 2,800 km (with GNSS)

Cost of replacement € 75 million with 600,000 new OBUs delivered. **OPEX is cut by half!**

OLD DSRC OBU



NEW GNSS OBU



- Highways
- 1st Class Roads
- Newly Tolled Sections of First Class Roads

# GNSS is Far More Flexible

## Germany demonstrates how GNSS-based tolling is far more flexible.

German Truck Tolling (“LKW Maut”) was launched in 2005, with a tolled road network of 12,000km (all the highways).

Initially €4b - €5b in toll revenue p.a.

In 2018, the tolled road network was extended to 52,000 km – including all the major national roads (“Bundesstrassen”) – become the largest toll system in the world.

Toll evasions were avoided and toll revenue increased to €7b to €8b p.a.



# GNSS being deployed in Urban Areas



## Singapore ERP-II



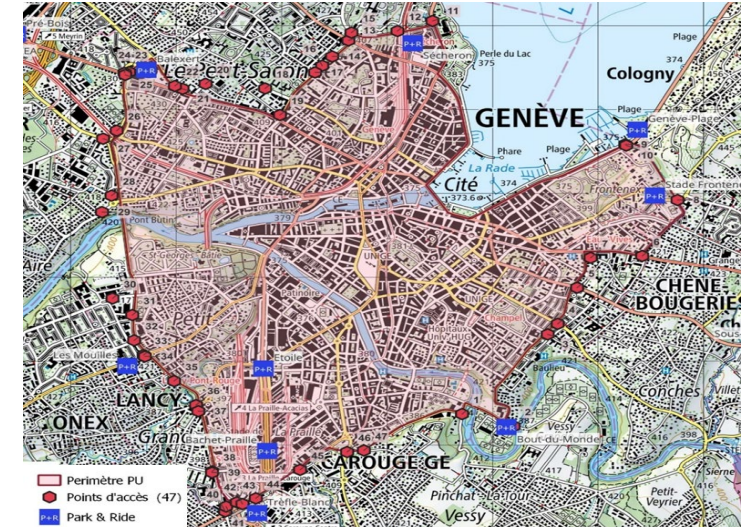
Removal of 78 microwave gantries (from 1998). GNSS-based Electronic Road Pricing should go live in 2023, making it the first satellite-based congestion scheme in the world.

## “Immense” Project



A Pilot Project in Munich and Barcelona uses smartphones to explore the use of GNSS for demand-driven road pricing and mobility management.

## Geneva Congestion Pilot



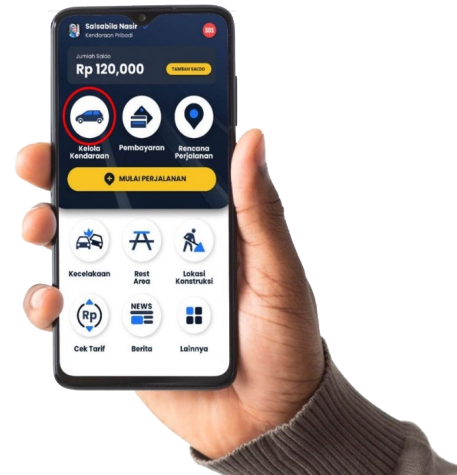
Geneva is planning a congestion pilot to limit the traffic entering the city, starting in 2024/2025 for a 4-year trial. Initial studies recommend GNSS and ANPR.

# GNSS is Replacing Toll Plazas



## Indonesia is rolling out GNSS

Indonesia is now replacing all toll plazas with a GNSS-based solution. 50 million users will be using the new system, and can choose between a GNSS OBU or a smartphone app.



## India is planning GNSS

India National Highways will replace hundreds of toll plazas on more than 100,000 km of highways with a GNSS solution



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# GNSS for Road User Charging

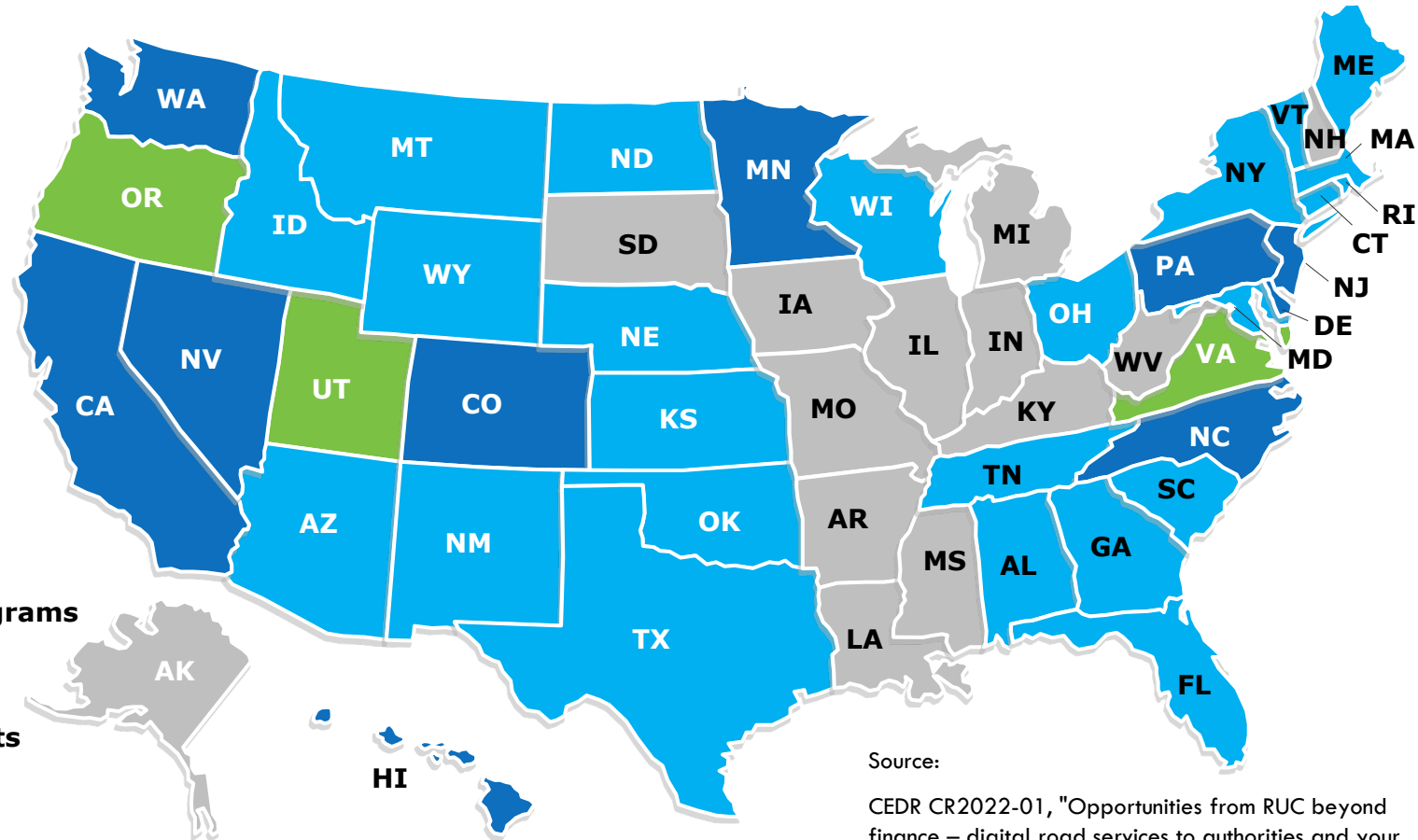


The USA has 3 RUC systems in operation, many pilots and research projects.

Many US States looking to use GNSS-based RUC to compensate the drop in fuel tax revenues.



- 3** Operational Programs
- 10** Public pilots
- 14** Research projects



Source:

CEDR CR2022-01, "Opportunities from RUC beyond finance – digital road services to authorities and your customers." ISBN: 9791093321608, Brussels, March 2022.

# GNSS is the driving force behind EETS



Travel throughout Europe with one OBU, one contract, and one invoice.



Plug & Play windshield-mounted Hybrid OBUs

Some common EETS On Board Units:



Kapsch (Austria)



Yunex (Austria)



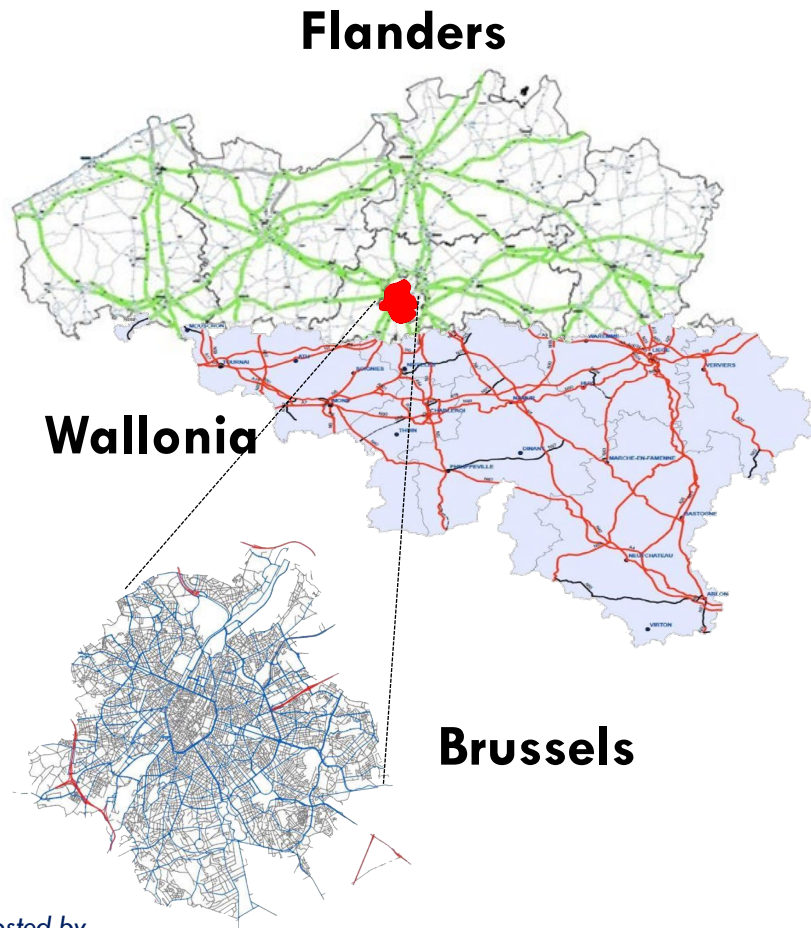
Continental (Germany)



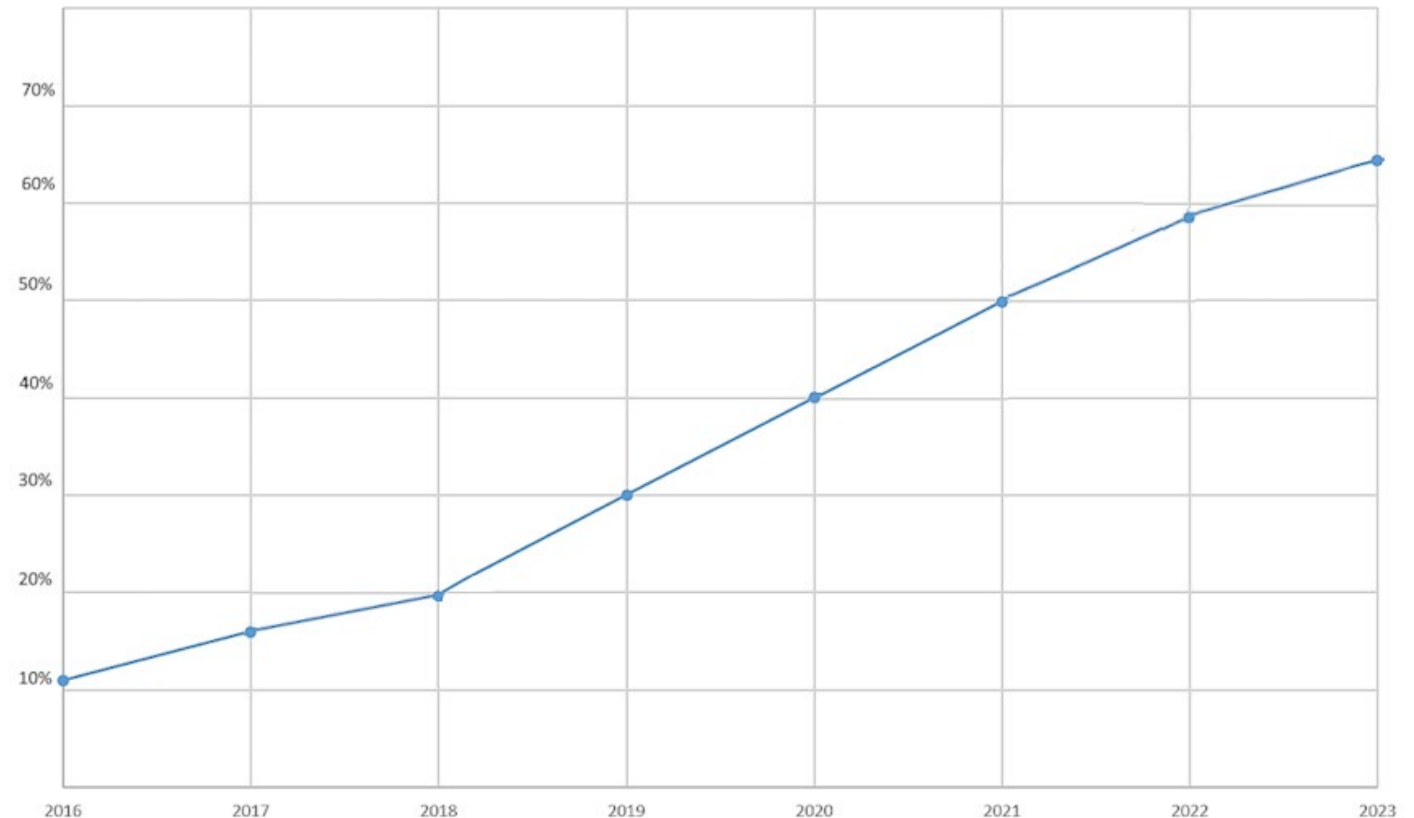
Telepass (Italy)

# The Growth of EETS using GNSS

“Viapass” in Belgium introduced EETS with GNSS-based Truck Tolling in 2016.



EETS market share growth in Belgium 2016 to 2023 (10% to 65%)



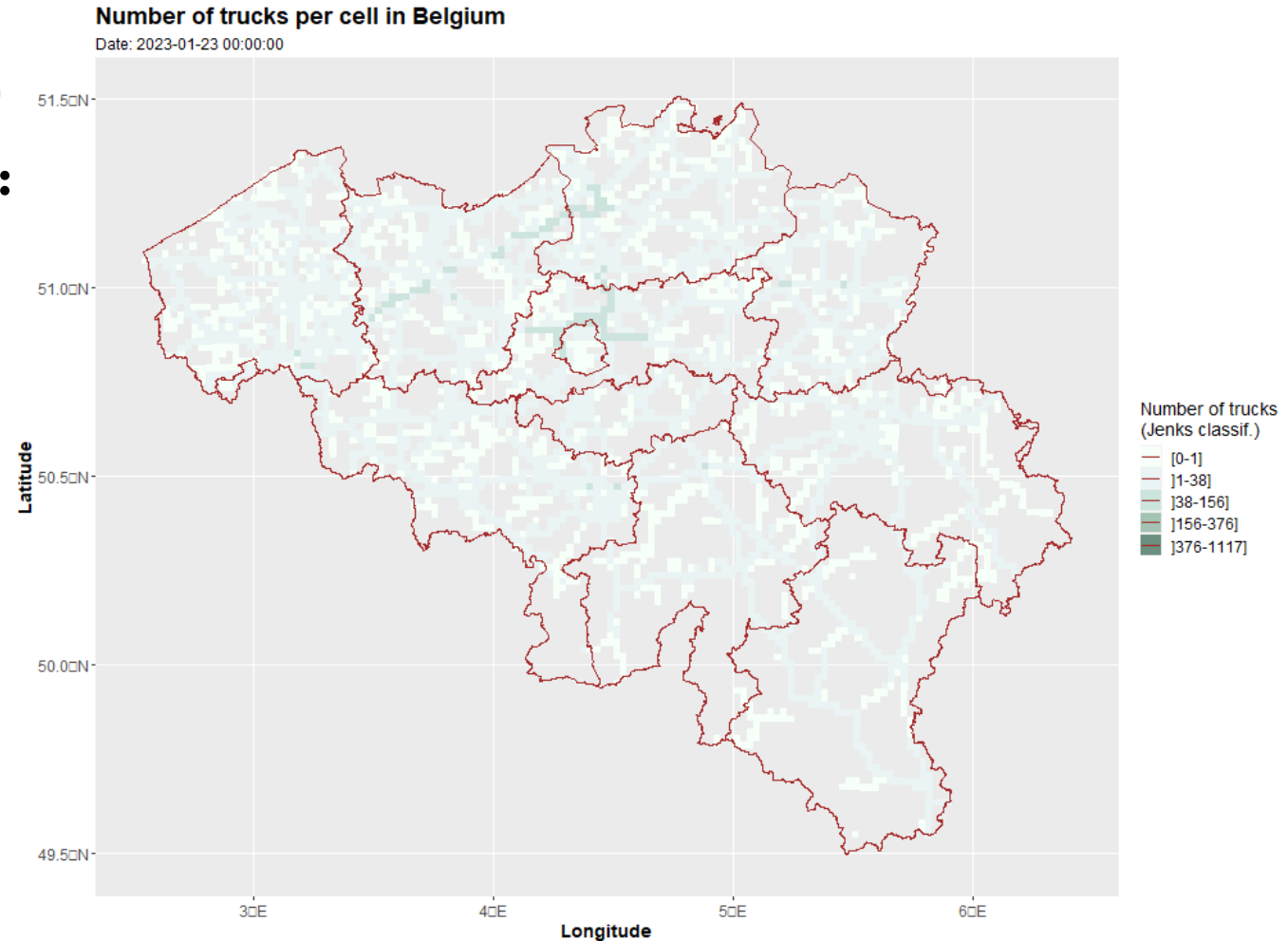
# GNSS Systems Provide Added Value



Toll Chargers (State Administrations) have access to a wealth of data for:

- Traffic monitoring
- Origin / Destination analysis
- Wider tariff differentiation

GNSS-based tolling data helps policy makers to take a more informed decision.





# New GNSS Systems Rely on EETS

Most new GNSS Systems procured in Europe will use EETS by default.

## Advantages:

- No need for a national service provider or OBU distribution
- Most trucks already equipped with OBU, registration done through EETS providers
- Value-Added Services easily possible

## Challenges:

- Using similar specifications for the exchange of information (toll declarations, white-lists, black-lists, etc.)
- Sharing the same IT platform, such as the *Viapass Hub* and *EUCARIS*
- Simplifying the accreditation processes



# Making GNSS Systems Successful



GNSS-based tolling systems will increasingly rely on the use of EETS.

The key success factors of such systems:

- Well structured integration between all stakeholders and actors.
- Project management structure to support multiple EETS providers.
- Getting multiple EETS providers on board from the very beginning.
- Strong public relations campaign to motivate users to sign up to EETS.
- A robust alternative for vehicles not registered with an EETS provider.



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