Is the tax treatment of company cars environmentally harmful in the European Union?

Green Budget Europe, European Environmental Bureau, in cooperation with DG TAXUD, European Commission

Centre Conference Albert Borschette, room 3C, rue Froissart 36, Brussels

28th February 2011

09.30 – 11.00: Session 1 – welcome, introduction, keynote(s)

Chair: Jacqueline Cottrell, Green Budget Europe

Philip Kermode, Director, Direct Taxation, Tax Coordination, Economic Analysis and Evaluation, DG TAXUD
Welcome and introduction

Dr. Anselm Görres, President, Green Budget Europe
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Nils-Axel Braathen, OECD
Environmentally Harmful Subsidies in the transport sector

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00: Session 2 – Approaches to company car taxation – methodologies and in-depth case studies

Chair: Jean-Pierre De Laet, DG TAXUD

Sigurd Næss-Schmidt (Partner), Copenhagen Economics
Company Car Taxation – Subsidies, Welfare and Environment

Jos van Ommeren, VU University, Amsterdam
The impact of Company Car Taxation on economic welfare

Michael Thöne, Institute for Public Economics (FiFo), University of Cologne
German Company Car Taxation: Subsidies and their Remedies

Stephen Potter, Professor of Transport Strategy, The Open University, Great Britain
An example of best practice? Company car taxation related to CO2 emissions in the UK
13.00- 14.00 LUNCH

14.00 – 15.30: Session 3 – good and best practice – country cases and policy options  
Chair: Jean-Philippe Barde, Former Head of the National Policies Division, OECD, Environment Directorate and Lecturer at SciencesPo
Andras Lukacs, President, Clean Air Action Group  
*Tax treatment of company cars in Hungary*

Michael Mossakowski, Head of Environmental Taxation, Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Finance, Belgium  
*Tax treatment of company cars in Belgium*

Adam Helebrant, Department of Economic Instruments, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic  
*VAT exemptions for company cars - does it effect the environment in the Czech republic?*

Tonia Pediaditaki, Layer specialised in Tax law  
*Tax treatment of company cars in Greece*

15.30 – 16.00: Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30: Session 4 – panel discussion – making progress on company car taxation.  
Chair: Kai Schlegelmilch, Green Budget Europe  
- Jos Dings, T&E (Transport and Environment)  
- Ronald Steenblik, OECD  
- Dr. Anselm Görres, President, GBE  
- Dr. Rolf Diemer, DG Taxation and Customs Union  
- Stephen Potter, Professor of Transport Strategy

17.30 – 17.45: Conference close
Final comments from Dr. Anselm Görres (Green Budget Europe) and Jean-Pierre De Laet (DG TAXUD)

17.45 – 19.00: Drinks reception