

Passenger Car Taxation

2033 responses were received using the on-line inter-active policy making tool, the statistics for which are shown below. A further 7 responses were received by written submissions but these are not included in the statistics below.

Responses

May your response be publicised?	replies	% of total
Yes	1690	(83.1%)
No	343	(16.9%)

Your details

Please indicate the capacity in which you are responding

	replies	% of total
Private individual	1908	(93.9%)
Business	78	(3.8%)
Association	39	(1.9%)
Official body	8	(0.4%)

What is your Member State of normal residence?

	replies	% of total
AT - Austria	18	(0.9%)
BE - Belgium	33	(1.6%)
CY - Cyprus	0	(0%)
CZ - Czech Republic	1	(0%)
DE - Germany	34	(1.7%)
DK - Denmark	15	(0.7%)
EE - Estonia	0	(0%)
EL - Greece	4	(0.2%)
ES - Spain	34	(1.7%)
FI - Finland	159	(7.8%)
FR - France	12	(0.6%)
HU - Hungary	115	(5.7%)
IE - Ireland	48	(2.4%)
IT - Italy	3	(0.1%)
LT - Lithuania	0	(0%)
LU - Luxembourg	4	(0.2%)
LV - Latvia	0	(0%)
MT - Malta	20	(1%)
NL - Netherlands	10	(0.5%)
PL - Poland	10	(0.5%)
PT - Portugal	1481	(72.8%)
SE - Sweden	3	(0.1%)
SI - Slovenia	1	(0%)
SK - Slovak Republic	1	(0%)
UK - United Kingdom	22	(1.1%)
Other - please specify	5	(0.2%)

Transferring cars to other Member States

Do you normally transfer your car to other Member States?

	replies	% of total
Yes	377	(18.5%)
No	1561	(76.8%)
Don't know	95	(4.7%)

If you have answered yes to the previous question, have you experienced any problems concerning the administration, registration or taxation of the car when transferring it to another Member State?

	replies	% of total
Yes	316	(15.5%)
No	45	(2.2%)
Don't know	7	(0.3%)

If you have answered yes to the previous question, what are the problems that you have experienced when transferring your car to another Member State?

	replies	% of total
Lack of information	101	(5%)
Difficulties in claiming a refund of the registration tax, or disproportionate rate of the registration tax, paid in your Member State of normal residence	271	(13.3%)
Other - please specify	59	(2.9%)

Obstacles to the Internal Market

Do you think that the operation of 25 different tax systems for passenger cars within the EU has resulted in tax obstacles and distorts the proper functioning of the Internal Market?

	replies	% of total
Yes	1929	(94.9%)
No	57	(2.8%)
Don't know	35	(1.7%)

If you have answered yes to the previous question, what are the obstacles?

	replies	% of total
Double taxation	1493	(73.4%)
Passenger car market fragmentation	589	(29%)
Differences in pre-tax and consumer tax-prices	1291	(63.5%)
High production costs	340	(16.7%)
Other - please specify	163	(8%)

Need for general rules

Do you believe that there is a need for some general rules at Community level, as outlined above, concerning passenger car taxation?

	replies	% of total
Yes	1973	(97%)
No	27	(1.3%)
Don't know	33	(1.6%)

Do you think that environmental concerns related to passenger cars should be addressed at Community level?

	replies	% of total
Yes	1906	(93.8%)
No	51	(2.5%)
Don't know	76	(3.7%)

Preferred option

Of the four Options proposed, which would you most favour?

	replies	% of total
Option 1 - the "do-nothing" option.	8	(0.4%)
Option 2 - retaining existing taxation systems but introducing a refund system to avoid double taxation problems when cars transfer to another Member State.	266	(13.1%)
Option 3 - the gradual phasing out of registration tax, with a refund system to apply in the meantime, and the introduction of a new tax structure linked to CO2 emissions.	974	(47.9%)
Option 4 - similar to option (3) but rather than a phasing out of registration tax, merely reducing it to a level that does not exceed 10% of the pre-tax price of the car.	718	(35.3%)
None.	67	(3.3%)

Do you think that there are other options which could or should be explored?

	replies	% of total
Yes	516	(25.4%)
No	408	(20.1%)
Don't know	1109	(54.5%)