



# ECCE's position on infrastructure maintenance

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## 1. Current situation

Most of the European infrastructure – traffic infrastructure rail and road, water and waste water infrastructure, energy generation and distribution, telecommunications dates from the 60-ies to 80-ies of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Europe's infrastructure is a vital and necessary part of our social and commercial welfare, therefore a sustainable and resilient infrastructure is a must.

## 2. Financial situation

Due to austerity politics and privatization money for maintenance and upgrade was lacking causing poor condition of infrastructure all over Europe.

## 3. Technical condition

Due to that and also tremendous changes in design loads and speeds, environmental impacts the technical condition is poor to very poor.

Failures and collapses are a reality and can be expected even more in the future.

## 4. What to do?

It is necessary to prepare a status report and further institutionalize monitoring measures and regularly audits in an uniform manner immediately.

As a result budgets for maintenance and upgrading have to be set up.

## 5. Who can do this?

ECCE's members – the civil engineers all over Europe – are ready to take the responsibility for an independent and thorough status report and solution finding process to make Europe's infrastructure fit for future challenges such as the Green Deal.

We appeal to politicians and public all over Europe

**We have to do it now!**