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## **Reducing transport noise**

**THE HEALTH AND LIFE QUALITY OF MORE THAN 70 MILLION EU CITIZENS ARE PUT AT STAKE BY HARMFUL NOISE LEVELS FROM ROAD, RAIL AND AIRCRAFT**

### **THE CURRENT SITUATION**

EU legislation is currently divided into transport aspects (reducing noise at the source) and environmental policy (passive protection). The Environmental Noise Directive (2002/49/EC) already requires Member States to draw up noise maps and adopt action plans, but these are often of poor quality and incompatible with each other.

#### **Road noise:**

- » Limits for noise emissions from road vehicles are not strict enough
- » Regulation on labelling of tyres is too vague

#### **Rail freight noise:**

- » Strict standards for new wagons exist
- » Co-funding for retrofitting of noisy wagons is possible

#### **Aircraft noise:**

- » There is no lack of resources: airlines annually receive subsidies worth €30 billion as they are exempted from the kerosene tax and (on international flights) from value-added tax
- » EU efforts to reduce aircraft noise are under high pressure from airlines and the US administration

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