THE ECO-TAX – RESPONSIBLE TOWARDS ENVIRONMENT

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WHAT IS THE ECO-TAX AND WHO IS OBLIGED TO PAY?

This is the fee paid by all natural and legal persons to use road motor vehicles and their auxiliary vehicles on the territory of Montenegro. Citizens of Montenegro pay for the ECO-TAX when registering their vehicles, whereas foreign nationals pay the tax when entering Montenegro. The fee amounts are determined according to the make of motor and auxiliary vehicles used (see the Table).

The eco-sticker, obtained upon the payment of the ECO-TAX, shall be valid for the period of one year.

The sticker is placed on the inner side of the windshield glass in the upper right corner!
WHY THE ECO-TAX?

Starting from:

- the commitment, that was widely expressed and accepted, by adoption of the Declaration of Montenegro as an Ecological State in 1991, which was ratified in the 2007 Constitution, pursuant to which Montenegro is: “a democratic, social and ecological state”, as well as

- the accepted obligations regarding the implementation of the following:
  - the UN Millennium Declaration and the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals,
  - the UN Convention on Biological Diversity,
  - the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol with the objective of reducing the level of CO2 emission,
  - the National Strategy of Sustainable Development of Montenegro, with the purpose of achieving the goals of the society’s sustainable development, that would, among others, ensure: the faster economic growth and reduction of regional development discrepancies, along with ensuring the effective control, reduction of pollution and the sustainable management of natural resources;

- introduction of European standards, values and the quality of life, in general, in the context of the ongoing process of accession of Montenegro to the European Union,

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unless it has: clean air, quality surface and underground waters, healthy marine and mountain ecosystems, along with clean water for swimming and unpolluted soil.

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This is why it is necessary to establish the mechanisms to neutralise the harmful effects we produce. Almost any motor vehicle emits substances that pollute the environment, with environmental threat on the increase in the tourist season, due to intensified traffic frequency.

Undoubtedly, all tourists are our dear guests, they are welcome to Montenegro because they come as friends and admirers of natural beauties of our country. This is exactly why we believe that our guests, as well as the citizens of Montenegro, will understand why it is necessary to care about the high environmental standards in the ecological state of Montenegro.
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ROAD MOTOR VEHICLES FOR **CARGO TRANSPORTATION** WITH AT LEAST FOUR WHEELS /**CATEGORY N**/

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**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE FUNDS EARNED FROM THE ECO-TAX?**

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- **Afforestation and greening of public areas and contributing to the greatest challenge of the present day – the global climate change combat and reduction of the level of CO2 emission**
- **Prevention and reduction of river, lake and sea pollution by industrial and municipal sources of pollution**
- **Prevention and reduction of air pollution**
- **Agricultural land quality preservation**
- **Endangered flora and fauna protection**
- **Autochthonous and endemic species preservation**
- **Extension of protected areas**
- **Sustainable valorization of the potentials of national parks, protected areas, mountain ecosystems**
- **Prevention of coastal area degradation and linear urbanisation of the coast**
- **Rehabilitation of past industry polluted areas**
- **Balanced regional development and reduction of development inequalities**
- **Contribution to establishing the effective system of protection of persons and groups with special needs**
- **Larger number of sport and recreation grounds for children**
• Larger number of sport and recreation grounds for children and adults
• Raising the awareness and knowledge of the uniqueness of natural values of Montenegro and education for sustainable development
• Preservation of unique landscapes and natural beauties for present and future generations

All information about the concrete projects implemented on the basis of the earmarked income gathered form charging the ECO-TAX, may be obtained at the following web-site:

www.ecotax-montenegro.gov.me

For this reason, we need to support the ECO-TAX because Montenegro, the ecological state, is a part of our planet, but most of all, our home.

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