THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF GREEK HIGHWAYS

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ABSTRACT

Over the last decade a large-scale programme of highways construction is underway in Greece, managed by public or private sector bodies. The construction includes a large number of bridges and tunnels requiring special management and monitoring. Unfortunately, the legal framework governing the duties of road operators and the decision-making process belongs to the 30’s and 60’s.

This paper outlines the basic laws about highways maintenance and operation in Greece, and suggests a way to proceed, following the experience of other countries.

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