

CO₂-differentiation in motor vehicle taxes

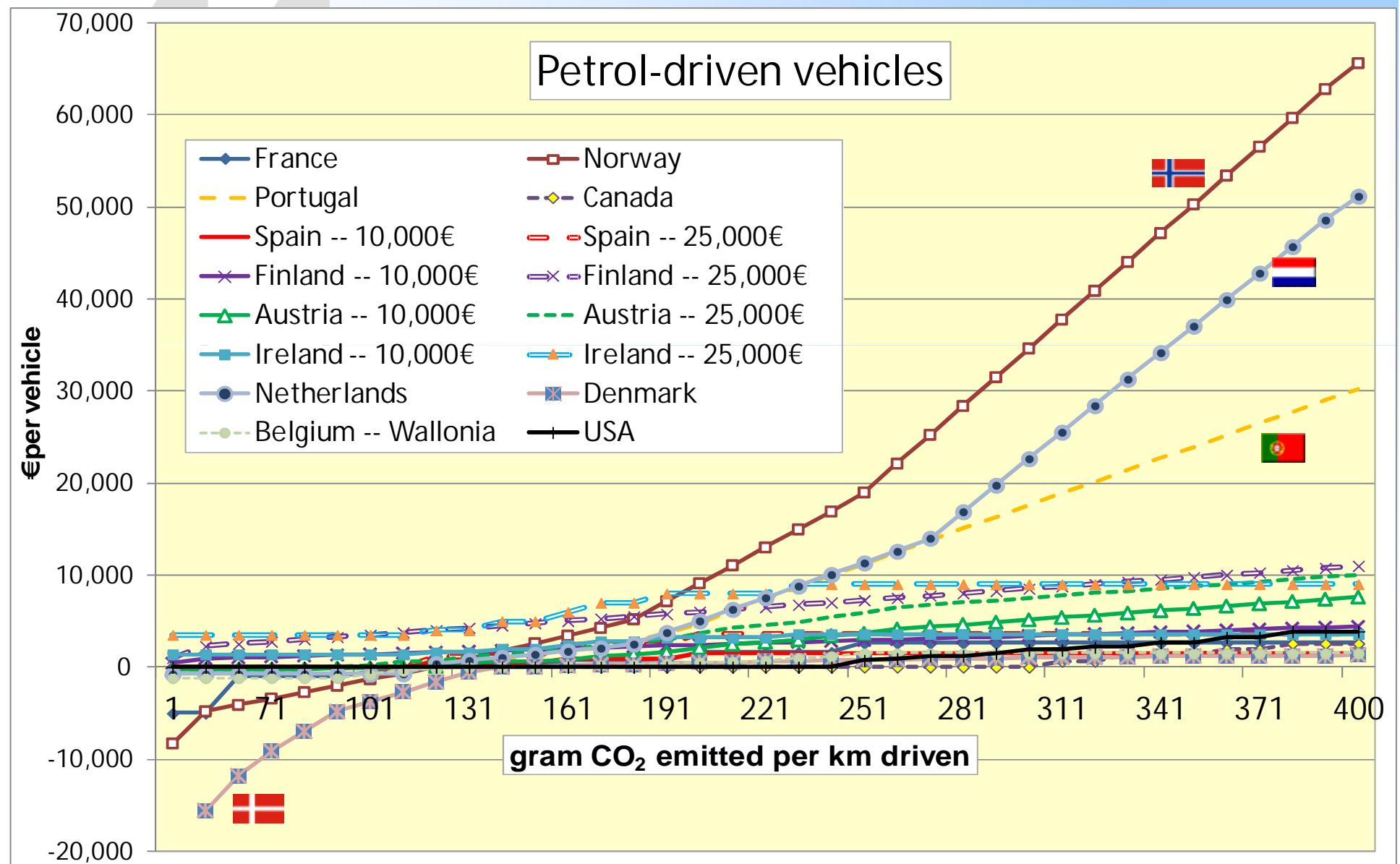
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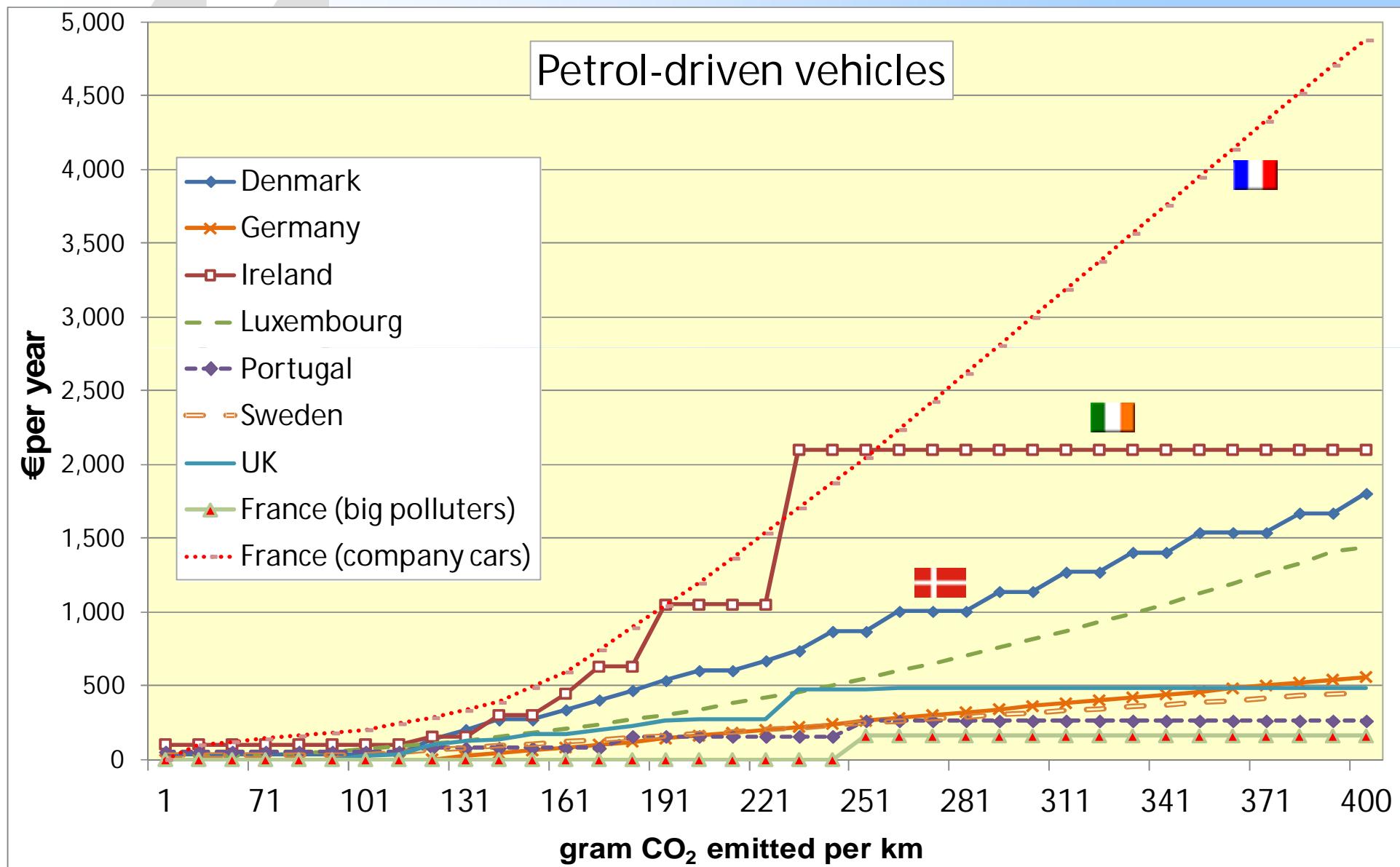
One-off taxes on motor vehicles

€ per vehicle



Annual taxes on motor vehicles

€ per year



Calculating tax per tonne CO₂ emitted over the lifetime of the vehicle

- If one assumes that
 - all vehicles are driven 200,000 km during their lifetime
 - the lifetime of a vehicle is 15 years (for the annual taxes)
- one can calculate the taxes expressed per tonne CO₂ that the vehicle will emit during its lifetime.

Calculating tax per tonne CO₂ emitted over the lifetime of the vehicle II

Example 1:

- The Danish one-off tax for petrol-driven vehicles is reduced 4000 DKK per km the vehicle can be driven per litre petrol, over and beyond 16 km per litre – and it is increased by 1000 DKK per km less than 16.
- 16 km per litre ~ 6.25 litre per 100 km ~ 146 gram CO₂ per km
- A car that goes 20 km per litre (5 litre per 100 km, ~117 gram CO₂ per km), gets a subsidy of $4 * 4000$ DKK ~ 2150€
- $200,000 * 117 = 23,400,000$ gram = 23.4 tonne
- $2,150\text{€} / 23.4 \sim 92\text{ €}$ in subsidy per tonne CO₂ this vehicle will emit over its lifetime.
- This car will emit 5.8 tonne CO₂ less than a car that goes 16 km/l.
- $2,150\text{€} / 5.8 = 371\text{€}$ per tonne CO₂ “saved”.

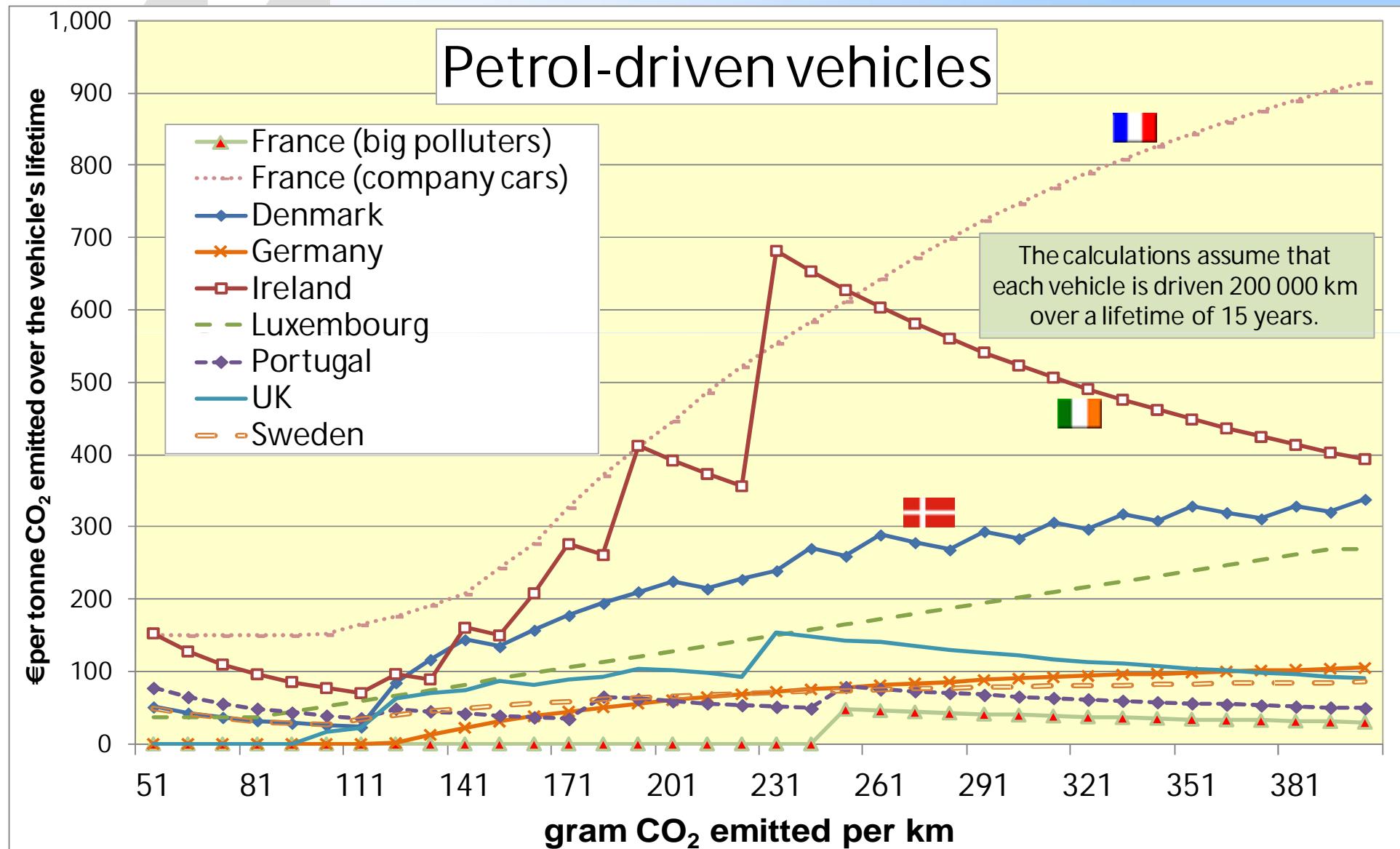
Calculating tax per tonne CO₂ emitted over the lifetime of the vehicle III

Example 2:

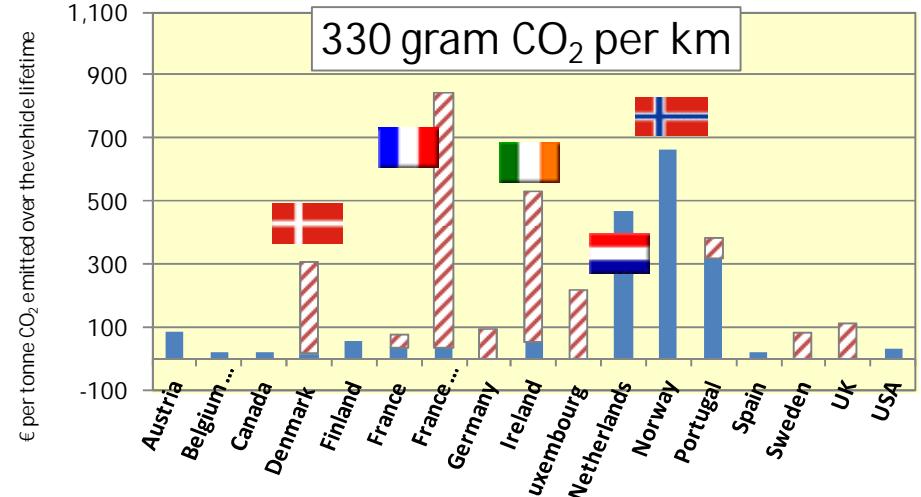
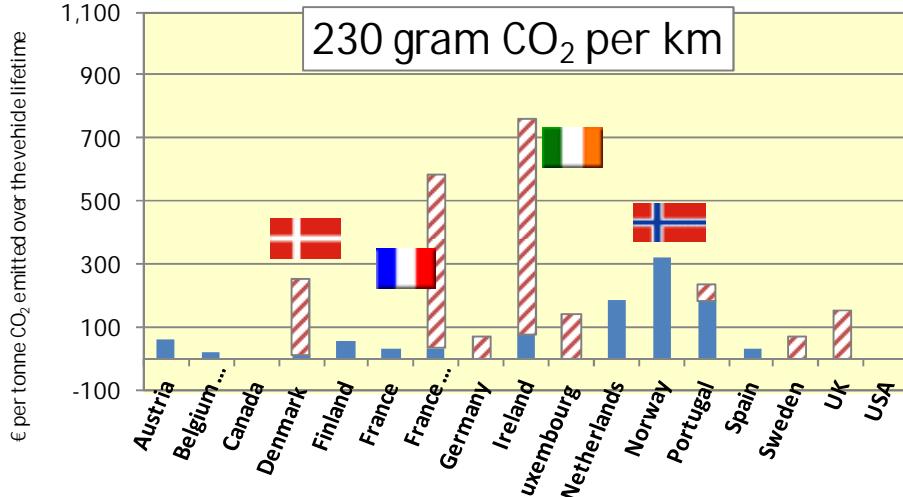
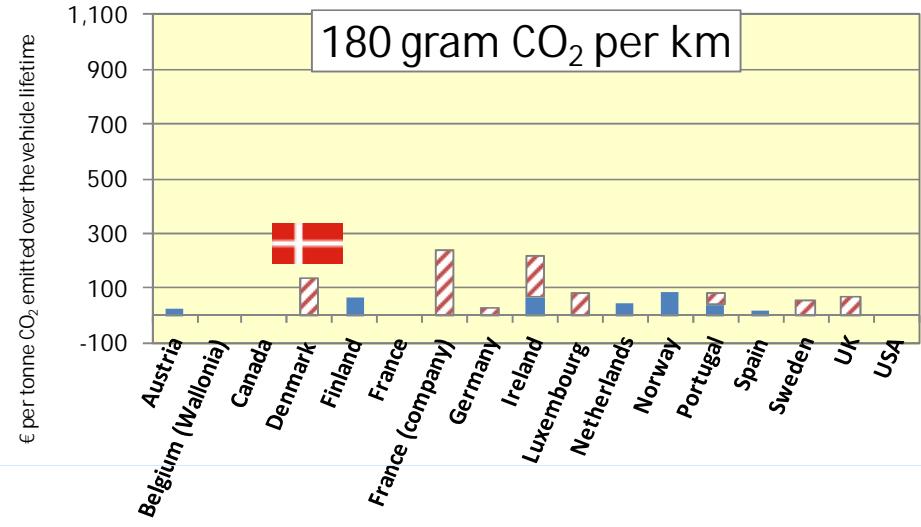
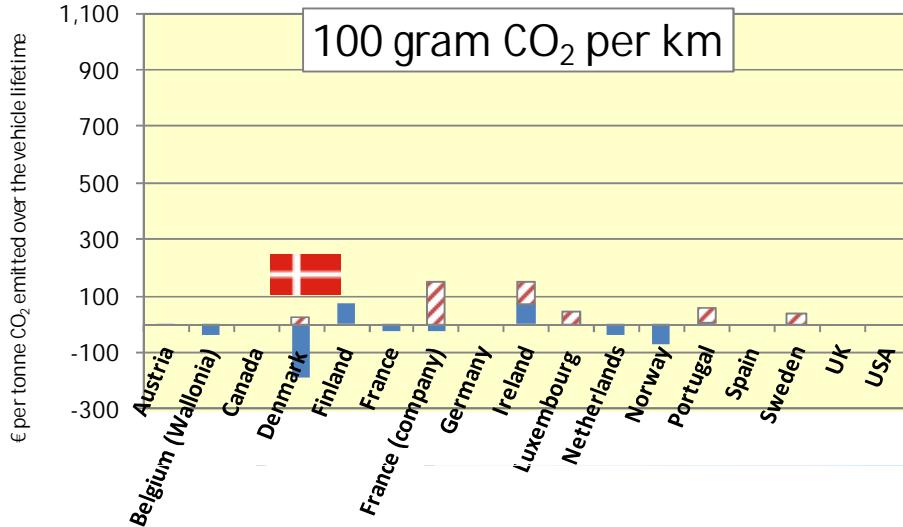
- A petrol-driven passenger car able to go between 9.1 and 10.0 km per litre petrol is in Denmark taxed 6480 DKK per year ~ 870€ per year.
- $870\text{€} * 15 = 13,050 \text{ €}$ in tax payments over the lifetime.
- Assuming it goes exactly 10 km per litre, it emits ~234 gram CO₂ per km driven.
- $200,000 \text{ km} * 234 \text{ g CO}_2/\text{km} \sim 46.8 \text{ tonne CO}_2$ emitted over the lifetime.
- $13,0510 / 46.8 = 279 \text{ € per tonne CO}_2$ emitted over the lifetime.

Annual taxes on motor vehicles

€ per tonne CO₂ emitted over the lifetime of the vehicle



Total tax per tonne CO₂ emitted over a vehicle's lifetime



■ One-off

▨ Recurrent