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BRUSSELS OUTLOOK

Europe faces a period of huge uncertainty. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has driven up the price of energy and other goods, increased fears about gas supplies, and cast a cloud over the economic outlook and recovery from the Covid-19 crisis. At these challenging times, the European Union's institutions have set themselves a busy schedule for the coming months to advance policy across a wide range of areas.

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CLECAT SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS INSTITUTE MEETS

The CLECAT Sustainable Logistics Institute met on 30 August to exchange views on the latest developments regarding sustainability policies affecting transport and logistics at national and EU level. Members discussed the revision of the CO2 standards for heavy-duty vehicles, the future EU framework for calculating and reporting transport and logistics emissions, and the political developments related to the Fit for 55 Package.

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WORKSHOP ON ALTERNATIVE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AT TRUCK PARKING AREAS

On 1 September, CLECAT participated in an online workshop on Alternative Charging Infrastructure at Truck Parking Areas, which was jointly organised by the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) and the European Secure Parking Organisation (ESPOrg).

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Maritime

INTRA-EUROPEAN CONTAINER CAPACITY DROPS SIGNIFICANTLY

Shipping analyst Alphaliner released at the end of August figures on global trade deployment, highlighting that ship capacity has been redeployed to the most profitable routes, at the expenses of certain connections, especially intra-European routes.

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Air

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON EU SLOT RULES OPEN

On 29 August, the European Commission published a call for evidence on the review of the EU Slots Regulation and launched a public consultation, which will remain open until 21 November. The objective of the review is to achieve fair access to, and efficient use of, airport capacity to ensure competition and enhance connectivity within, to or from the EU.

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Rail

FRANCE TESTS INCREASED LOADS FOR COMBINED TRANSPORT

On 25 July, France published a decree increasing the maximum authorised loads intended for combined transport from 42-44 tons to 46 tons as of 27 July, as part of an experiment that will last 18 months.

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Rail

CONTINUED GROWTH OF RAIL FREIGHT IN NORWAY

Rail freight in Norway has been constantly growing over the past few years, as reported by Bane NOR, the Norwegian infrastructure manager, with the first half of 2022 demonstrating an 8% increase year-on-year. In addition, many Norwegian companies have already applied to increase their rail freight traffic by 30% compared to 2022. However, these applications need to be reviewed by Bane NOR to check whether the current capacity allows for such a leap.

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CLECAT Meetings

CLECAT Customs and Indirect Taxation Institute
16 September 2022, Online

CLECAT Air Freight Institute
4 October 2022, Online

CLECAT Supply Chain Security Institute
4 October 2022, Online

CLECAT Air Freight Institute
22 November 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)

CLECAT Supply Chain Security Institute
22 November 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)

CLECAT General Assembly
23 November, Brussels

CLECAT Freight Forwarders Forum
23 November, Brussels

EU Meetings

European Parliament

European	Parliament	Plenary
12-15 September 2022, Strasbourg		

European	Parliament	Environment	Committee
8 September 2022, Brussels			

European	Parliament	Transport	Committee
26 September 2022, Brussels			

Council of the EU

Informal	Meeting	of	Transport	Ministers
20-21 October, Prague				

Environment	Council
24 October, Luxembourg	