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## TRAN MEPS EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH COMMISSIONER VALEAN ON FIT FOR 55 PACKAGE

The European Parliament's Transport and Tourism (TRAN) Committee met on 27 September to discuss the Fit for 55 proposals with EU Commissioner for Transport Adina Valean. The Commissioner presented the legislative proposals that are most relevant for the transport sector including the proposal for a Regulation on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (AFIR) the FuelEU Maritime Regulation and the ReFuelEU Aviation proposal.

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Maritime

## CLECAT MARITIME LOGISTICS INSTITUTE MEETS

Members of the CLECAT Maritime Logistics Institute met on 28 September to discuss the latest developments impacting sea cargo logistics, notably the ongoing disruptions in the maritime supply chain which is largely impacting SMEs in Europe. Shippers and cargo logistics continue to be confronted with high cargo rates and a low level of service quality from ocean carriers.

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Maritime

## VESSELS SCHEDULE RELIABILITY DROPS TO AN ALL-TIME LOW

On 27 September, analyst Sea Intelligence released the latest edition of the Global Liner Performance report which analyses the cargo reliability of ocean carriers up to August 2021. Although cargo reliability has hovered between 35%-40% for most of the year, in August 2021 it dropped to 33.6%, a new all-

time low during the ten years Sea-Intelligence has tracked global cargo reliability.

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Air

## AIR CARGO UP 7.7% IN AUGUST COMPARED TO PRE-COVID LEVELS

On 29 September, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for global air cargo markets in August 2021, showing that demand continued its strong growth trend, whilst pressure on capacity is rising.

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Rail

## 10TH MARKET PLACE SEMINAR: REGISTRATION OPEN

On 14 October, the 10th edition of the Market Place Seminar, organised by the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Association (FIATA) and the International Union of Railways (UIC), will take place from 11:00 to 14:00 CET. As the event coincides with the European Year of Rail, the event is supported by CLECAT.

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Road

## UK GOVERNMENT TAKES MEASURES TO EASE DRIVER SHORTAGE CRISIS

On 25 September, the UK government announced several initiatives to tackle the shortage of HGV drivers, which is currently dangerously disrupting supply chains in the United Kingdom, with empty shelves and a shortage of petrol in refuelling stations. The objectives of these measures are to increase the number of new drivers, attract foreign drivers that left the UK following the Brexit as well as former drivers that left the industry.

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Road

## GERMANY RATIFIES E-CMR PROTOCOL

On 17 September, the German Bundesrat (Federal Council) ratified the e-CMR protocol, thereby enabling its application in Germany. The e-CMR Protocol of 20 February 2008 supplements the 1956 Convention on the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) and allows the consignment note to be created electronically with legal effect.

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# CUSTOMS & TRADE

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## CLECAT CUSTOMS INSTITUTE MEETS WITH UK HMRC

On 27 September, the CLECAT Customs and Indirect Taxation Institute (CITI) met to discuss relevant ongoing developments in post-Brexit EU-UK trade and transport, ongoing review of the Union Customs Code (UCC) and EU customs policy, and international trade. The CITI meeting held a special Brexit session, with members of the CLECAT Road Institute and guest speakers from the UK HMRC, which focused on practicalities of post-Brexit UK border processes for customs controls.

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## PLENARY MEETING OF THE TRADE CONTACT GROUP FOR CUSTOMS

On 30 September, CLECAT attended the 59th plenary meeting of the Trade Contact Group (TCG), organised by the European Commission's DG TAXUD. The meeting was dedicated to hearing from TCG members about their key messages for consideration in the context of the ongoing evaluation of the implementation of the UCC and possible future revision.

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## EU EXTENDS EXPORT AUTHORISATION FOR COVID-19 VACCINES

On 29 September, the EU extended the COVID-19 vaccines export transparency and authorisation mechanism until 31 December. The purpose of the vaccines export transparency and authorisation mechanism is to secure deliveries of vaccines to Europeans in line with companies' contractual obligations.

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Security

# EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY MONTH KICKS OFF

On 1 October, the ninth edition of the European Cybersecurity Month kicked off, which will run for the entire month of October under the motto 'Think Before U Click'. The European Cybersecurity Month is an annual awareness campaign organised by the European Commission, the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) and over 300 partners in the EU Member States.

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Security

## ESPORG WORKSHOP ON SAFE AND SECURE PARKING AREAS

On 7 October, the European Secure Parking Organisation (ESPORG) is organising an online workshop from 10.00-13.00h CET to provide information about safe and secure parking, the EU Standard for Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas (SSTPA), as well as detailed information and advice to interested applicants about the recently launched funding call for SSTPAs under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for Transport.

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Digitalisation

## COUNCIL AGREES ON DATA GOVERNANCE ACT

On 1 October, the Council's Permanent Representatives Committee (Coreper) agreed on a negotiating mandate on a proposal for a Data Governance Act (DGA), which is part of a wider policy, aimed to give the EU a competitive edge in the increasingly data-driven economy. The Act would seek to set up mechanisms to facilitate the reuse of certain categories of protected public-sector data, increase trust in data intermediation services and promote data altruism across the EU.

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## CLECAT Meetings

<b>CLECAT</b> 15 October 2021, Online	<b>Sustainable</b>		<b>Logistics</b>	<b>Institute</b>
<b>CLECAT</b> 18 October 2021, Online	<b>Road</b>		<b>Logistics</b>	<b>Institute</b>
<b>CLECAT</b> 22 November 2021, Online	<b>Supply</b>	<b>Chain</b>	<b>Security</b>	<b>Institute</b>
<b>CLECAT</b> 25 November 2021, Brussels				<b>Board/GA</b>
<b>CLECAT</b> 25 November 2021, Brussels	<b>Freight</b>		<b>Forwarders</b>	<b>Forum</b>
<b>CLECAT</b> 26 November 2021, Brussels	<b>Air</b>		<b>Logistics</b>	<b>Institute</b>

## Events with CLECAT participation

<b>Connecting Europe Express</b> 5 October 2021, Luxembourg/Online	<b>Conference on Rail Freight</b>
<b>Market Place Seminar - Multimodality in the year of Rail</b> 14 October 2021, Online	
<b>GreenPort</b> 21 October 2021, Place tbc	<b>Congress 2021</b>

## EU Meetings

**Council of the European Union**

**Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council**  
14 October 2021, videoconference (informal meeting)  
2-3 December, Brussels  
9 December 2021, Brussels

**Environment Council**  
6 October 2021, Luxembourg  
20 December 2021, Brussels

## European Parliament

**European Parliament Transport Committee**  
27 September 2021, Brussels  
27-28 October 2021, Brussels  
Including a Public Hearing on “Impact of the Belt and Road initiative (BRI) on modal shift and European Economic Exchanges”

**European Parliament Plenary**  
4-7 October 2021, Strasbourg



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