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LET'S GET RAIL FREIGHT TO RUMBLE!

What can make Rail Freight more attractive? This question was raised to rail freight customers at the event on rail freight, organised by the European Commission, in cooperation with the Luxembourg Ministry of Mobility and CER on the 5th of October in Bettembourg, Luxembourg. Achieving Europe's modal shift ambitions will only be realistic if the right framework conditions are put in place. Multimodality can play a key role in this. CLECAT has put to paper its views on the upcoming review of the Combined Transport Directive. Europe can't afford to miss another opportunity to get it right with this new proposal.

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ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS DISCUSS FIT FOR 55 PACKAGE

On 6 October, EU environment ministers held a first formal debate on the Fit for 55 Package, with a particular focus on initiatives that fall under the remit of the Environment Council, including the revision of the EU ETS (inclusion of maritime transport and separate ETS system for road transport and buildings sector) and the establishment of the EU Social Climate Fund. The preliminary exchange of views suggests discussions will be tense and compromises will be difficult to achieve among Member States.

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Maritime

DISRUPTIONS TO CONTINUE IN 2022 NOTES DREWRY

The maritime supply chain disruptions will not normalise before the end of 2022, according to the latest Container Forecaster report published by Drewry on 5 October. The supply chain crisis has worsened during Q2 2021, with cases of COVID-19 temporarily closing some Chinese terminals, and extreme weather events occurring in some regions. Drewry expects that fleet growth will continue to lag behind demand growth this and next year, but the discrepancy will be

eased from 2023 onwards when the orders for newbuilt vessels will come to the market.

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Road

EC PUBLISHES LIST OF SERIOUS INFRINGEMENTS

The European Commission published on 7 October a draft implementing Regulation updating the list of serious infringements which may lead to the loss of good repute by a road transport operator. The draft act results from the publication of the Mobility Package I Regulations which add new infringements that could lead to loss of good repute, introduce an additional criterion when defining the degree of seriousness of infringements and their frequency of occurrence.

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CONNECTING EUROPE EXPRESS FINISHES ITS JOURNEY

On 7 October, the Connecting Europe Express reached its final destination of Paris after 36 days travelling across Europe – West to East, North to South, and even visiting neighbours outside the EU. This train was specially put together for the occasion of the European Year of Rail 2021, aiming to raise awareness of the benefits of rail and the challenges which still need to be overcome.

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TESTING OF AUTOMATED FREIGHT TRAINS PICKS UP SPEED

In October, a new Automatic Train Operation (ATO) test for freight started on the Betuwe route, which connects the Port of Rotterdam (Netherlands) with the German Ruhr region. The aim of the German-Dutch cooperation for this is to

trial and test the control and remote monitoring of automated trains in rail port he traffic port he first time by the end of 2025.

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Customs & Trade

WTO LAUNCHES NEW TOOL TO TRACK CHANGES IN HS

On 7 October, the World Trade Organization (WTO) launched a new online tool for keeping track of changes in the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), the system used port he classification of traded goods. The HS Tracker, developed with the support of the World Customs Organization (WCO), is also aimed at helping customs officials and traders prepare for HS amendments that will enter into force on 1 January 2022.

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EP PUBLIC HEARING ON AI AND TRANSPORT

On 11 October, the Members of the European Parliament's Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age (AIDA) and of the Transport and Tourism (TRAN) Committee will hold a joint hearing on AI and Transport, from 13.45-15.45h CET, which will be webstreamed.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLECAT Meetings

CLECAT 15 October 2021, Online	Sustainable		Logistics	Institute	
CLECAT 18 October 2021, Online	Road		Logistics	Institute	
CLECAT 21 October 2021, Online	Customs	and	Indirect	Taxation	Institute
CLECAT 22 November 2021, Online	Supply		Chain	Security	Institute
CLECAT 25 November 2021, Brussels					Board/GA
CLECAT 25 November 2021, Brussels	Freight		Forwarders	Forum	
CLECAT 26 November 2021, Brussels	Air		Logistics	Institute	

Events with CLECAT participation

Market Place Seminar 14 October 2021, Online	- Multimodality in the year of Rail	
GreenPort 21 October 2021, Place tbc	Congress	2021

EU Meetings

Council of the European Union

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

December, Brussels

Environment
20 December 2021, Brussels

Council

European Parliament

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

Transport Committee
Brussels
Brussels

European Parliament
11 October 2021,
27-28 October 2021, Brussels

Environment Committee
Brussels

European Parliament
18-21 October 2021, Strasbourg

Plenary