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## SAVE THE DATE: LOGISTICS FOR EUROPE FORUM - 23 NOVEMBER

CLECAT, ESC and ELA are pleased to invite you to the Logistics for Europe event taking place on the 23rd of November 2022 (13:00-20:00) at the Residence Palace in Brussels. The 2022 Logistics for Europe event brings industry representatives from freight forwarding, shippers and the logistics sector, as well as European law makers, together in a constructive dialogue on the challenges European industry is being faced with.

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## CLECAT SUBMITS RESPONSE TO CALL FOR EVIDENCE ON CBER

CLECAT has submitted its feedback to the call for evidence on the evaluation of the Consortia Block Exemption Regulation (CBER). In its submission CLECAT elaborates on its arguments why the CBER should not be prolonged.

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## EU TRADE CALLS FOR AN OPEN AND INCLUSIVE CUSTOMS REFORM

CLECAT, together with other members of the DG TAXUD Trade Contact Group, including the port industry, cargo owners, stakeholders in the air and maritime sector, IT service providers, as well as the American businesses active in Europe, issued a joint letter to Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni for Economy on the reform of the Union Customs Code. The signatories to the letter expressed serious concerns regarding the lack of realistic and sufficient timelines for the UCC IT implementation, and the insufficient consultation with the trade community on the ongoing UCC reform.

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## EU PARLIAMENT APPROVES CUSTOMS SINGLE WINDOW

On 4 October, the European Parliament endorsed the political agreement reached earlier this year on the proposal for EU Single Window Environment for Customs. The Council now needs to formally adopt the regulation, before it is signed and published in the EU Official Journal.

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## EU AND UK DAGS MEET TO DISCUSS TCA IMPLEMENTATION

Earlier this week, CLECAT attended the first joint meeting of the EU and the UK Domestic Advisory Groups under the EU-UK TCA. The two DAGs, tasked to advise the TCA parties on the implementation of the agreement, discussed key topics of mutual interest and concern, and how best to cooperate towards achieving their joint objectives and support the effective implementation of the TCA.

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## CLECAT WELCOMES ADOPTION OF TRAN REPORTS ON AFIR AND FUEL EU MARITIME

On 3 October, the European Parliament's TRAN Committee adopted its report on the proposals for the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR) and FuelEU Maritime. CLECAT welcomes the adoption of the report by TRAN MEPs as an important step toward the deployment of much-needed charging and alternative refuelling infrastructure, as well as concrete emissions reduction from the maritime sector.

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## EU ADOPTS EIGHTH PACKAGE OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA

On 6 October, the Council adopted the eighth package of hard-hitting sanctions against Russia for its aggression against Ukraine.

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## EC CONSULTS MEMBER STATES TO PROLONG THE TEMPORARY CRISIS FRAMEWORK

Earlier this week, the European Commission sent to Member States for consultation a draft proposal to prolong and adjust the State aid Temporary Crisis Framework. This communication, first adopted on 23 March 2022 and amended on 20 July, enables Member States to use the flexibility foreseen under State aid rules to support the economy in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine.

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## CLECAT AIR FREIGHT & SECURITY INSTITUTES MEET

On 4 October, CLECAT's Air Freight Institute met to discuss legislative and non-legislative developments relating to the EU Aviation Acquis, as well as aviation security, sustainability, digitalisation, and the impact of the energy crisis on the air freight forwarding industry. Later in the day, CLECAT's Supply Chain Security Institute met to discuss developments in land transport, aviation, and cybersecurity.

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Maritime

# JOINT LETTER OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY CALLING TO EARMARK ETS REVENUES

Last week, CLECAT and 9 other organisations representing all parts of the maritime supply chain issued a joint statement calling for the earmarking of the EU ETS revenues to the European maritime sector to foster its decarbonisation.

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Road

## EC URGES MEMBER STATES TO TRANSPOSE THE DIRECTIVE ON POSTING OF DRIVERS

Last week, the European Commission sent reasoned opinions to Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Portugal and Slovenia for failing to communicate the national measures taken to transpose Directive (EU) 2020/1057 on the posting of road transport drivers.

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Road

## RUSSIA BANS FOREIGN ROAD FREIGHT VEHICLES FROM ITS TERRITORY

The Russian Government issued a resolution on 30 September 2022 imposing a ban on certain foreign freight vehicles owned by foreign transport operators and

registered in foreign states to undertake road transport operations on Russian territory.

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Air

## PARLIAMENT VOTES ON NEW SLOT UTILISATION RULES

On 6 October, the European Parliament voted on the European Commission's proposal to amend the slot utilisation rules at Union airports, endorsing a gradual return to the utilisation rate of 80%. As of 30 October 2022, airlines would have to use 75 % of their planned take-off and landing slots (instead of the 80% required before the pandemic) in order to keep them the following season. From the 2023 summer season, the standard 80% slot utilisation requirement should apply.

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Air

## AIR CARGO TONNE-KILOMETERS SHOWED RESILIENCE IN AUGUST

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for global air cargo markets in August 2022, which demonstrated the industry's resilience amid economic uncertainties. According to the statistics, global demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTKs), fell 8.3% compared to August 2021, representing a slight improvement on the year-on-year decline of 9.7% seen in July. Simultaneously, capacity was 6.3% above August 2021, which is a significant expansion over the 3.6% year-on-year increase in July.

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Digitalisation

## DTLF SUBGROUPS MEET VIRTUALLY

This week, CLECAT participated in the meetings of the Digital Transport and Logistics Forum's (DTLF) Subgroup 1 on paperless transport and Subgroup 2

(Federated Network of Platforms). The DTLF's Subgroup 1, which is the formal Commission Expert Group on the eFTI Regulation, presented the progress and planned next steps of the individual teams on data-, functional-, and technical aspects, as well as certification and implementation.

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Rail

## CLECAT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISED TRAIN DRIVER REQUIREMENTS

Last week, CLECAT submitted its input to the evaluation of the Train Driver requirements. The initiative aims at improving the EU harmonised certification scheme for train drivers by ensuring that it is future-proof, keeps pace with technological progress and increased demand for international journeys, and makes the train-driving profession more diverse and attractive to young people.

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## CLECAT Meetings

<b>CLECAT</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Logistics</b>	<b>Institute</b>
10 October 2022, Online			
<b>CLECAT</b>	<b>Air</b>	<b>Freight</b>	<b>Institute</b>
22 November 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)			
<b>CLECAT</b>	<b>Supply</b>	<b>Chain</b>	<b>Security</b>
22 November 2022, Brussels (hybrid-meeting)			
<b>CLECAT</b>		<b>General</b>	<b>Assembly</b>
23 November, Brussels			
<b>CLECAT</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>ESC</b>	<b>Annual</b>
23 November, Brussels			

## EU Meetings

### European Parliament

<b>European</b>	<b>Parliament</b>	<b>Plenary</b>
17-20 October 2022, Strasbourg		
<b>European</b>	<b>Parliament</b>	<b>Environment</b>
10 October 2022, Brussels		

**European Parliament Transport Committee**  
10 October 2022, Brussels

**Council of the EU**

**Informal Meeting of Transport Ministers**  
20-21 October, Prague

**Environment Council**  
24 October, Luxembourg