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FFF2021: BUILDING SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT SUPPLY CHAINS

The 2021 edition of CLECAT's Freight Forwarders Forum, entitled 'Building Sustainable and Resilient Supply Chains', will take place online on 25 November, from 14.00-17.30h CET. The full programme and registration form can be accessed on the CLECAT Website.

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CLECAT AND FIATA REINFORCE LONGSTANDING PARTNERSHIP

CLECAT and FIATA, respectively, the European and global associations for freight forwarding and logistics services providers have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to reinforce the longstanding cooperation between the two associations. The signing of the MoU by the respective Associations took place on 11 November.

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CLECAT SIGNS GLOBAL MOU FOR ZERO-EMISSION MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES

On 10 November, CLECAT joined the Global Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for zero-emission medium and heavy-duty vehicles. Launched in the framework of the COP26 in Glasgow, the MoU was signed by 15 countries, as well as private stakeholders, including the European Clean Trucking Alliance (ECTA), of which CLECAT is a member.

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COUNCIL ADOPTS REVISION OF EUROVIGNETTE DIRECTIVE

On 9 November, the Council of the European Union formally adopted at first reading the revision of the Eurovignette Directive. The final text results from the informal deal reached among negotiators from the Council and the Parliament in June 2021. CLECAT welcomes the adoption, which will allow for the transition from time-based to distance-based charging, reducing CO2 emissions. CLECAT hopes the European Parliament will now swiftly adopt the revision of the Directive.

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Maritime

SPOT RATES DECREASE ON THE TRANSPACIFIC ROUTE

Mike Wackett from the Loadstar reported yesterday that ocean carriers started to apply discounts and waiver of premium fees for late November and December shipments, leading in a significant decrease of container spot rates on the Asia-North America line: According to the Freightos Baltic Exchange (FBX), spot rates from Asia to the US west coast fell by 26% in the past week, to \$13,924 per 40ft, and by 20% for east coast ports, to \$15,865 per 40ft.

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Air

EC OPENS CALL FOR EVIDENCE ON THE REVISION OF THE AIR SERVICES REGULATION

On 8 November, the European Commission published a call for evidence for an impact assessment concerning the EU Air Services Regulation, which sets common rules for air services in the EU, including on operating licence requirements, the freedom to provide services and when it can exceptionally be restricted, as well as how prices should be displayed to consumers.

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Digitalisation

EC TO INVEST NEARLY €2 BILLION TO ADVANCE ON THE DIGITAL TRANSITION

On 10 November, the European Commission adopted three work programmes for the Digital Europe Programme, outlining the objectives and specific topic areas that will receive a total of €1.98 billion in funding. This first set of work programmes includes strategic investments that should be instrumental in realising the Commission's goals for Europe's Digital Decade. The Digital Europe Programme aims to boost Europe's technological sovereignty and bring digital

solutions to market for the benefit of citizens, public administrations, and businesses.

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Sustainable Logistics

EP STUDY ON ALTERNATIVE FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES

On 10 November, the European Parliament issued a study presenting the opportunities and challenges for the use and deployment of alternatives fuels infrastructure in the EU for heavy-duty vehicles. The current state of play and future needs are presented in the context of the ambitions of the Green Deal, the proposal for an Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation published mid-July 2021 as part of the Fit for 55 Package and the upcoming review of the TEN-T Regulation.

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CLECAT 22 November 2021, Online	Supply	Chain	Security	Institute
CLECAT 25 November 2021, Brussels				Board/GA
CLECAT 25 November 2021, Online	Freight		Forwarders	Forum
CLECAT 26 November 2021, Brussels	Air		Logistics	Institute
CLECAT 30 November 2021, Online	Maritime		Logistics	Institute

EU Meetings

Council of the European Union

Transport, 2-3 9 December 2021, Brussels	Telecommunications December,	and	Energy	Council Brussels
Environment 20 December 2021, Brussels				Council

European Parliament

European Parliament **Transport** **Committee**
15 November 2021, Brussels

European Parliament **Environment** **Committee**
18 November 2021, Brussels

European Parliament **Plenary**
20-25 November 2021, Brussels



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