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## JOINT INDUSTRY STATEMENT ON SAFE AND SECURE PARKING AREAS

CLECAT, jointly with DSLV and associations representing insurance companies, secure parking operators and road transport operators, underlined the urgent need to move forward with the construction of new Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas (SSTPAs) in the EU and a harmonised EU SSTPA Standard, with clear and unambiguous rules on security, safety and comfort levels for these SSTPAs. With this in mind, the signatories strongly supported the announcement for future funding for SSTPAs through the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF II).

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## CEF CALL FOR SAFE AND SECURE PARKING AREAS PUBLISHED

On 16 September, the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) published a funding call of €100 million as part of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for the development and upgrading of Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas (SSTPAs).

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## EUROPEAN COMMISSION COMES UNDER RENEWED PRESSURE TO MAKE LINER INTERVENTION

The Loadstar and Splash reported earlier this week on another letter sent to the European Commission (EC), signed by ten shipper and forwarder organisations, outlining their concerns over the liner shipping market, raising the new complaint

that carriers are abusing their dominant position to obtain commercially sensitive data.

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## EC DISMISSES UNFAIR PRACTICES IN LINER SHIPPING

On 13 September, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission Margrethe Vestager answered to the parliamentary question from MEPs Tom Berendsen (NL, PPE), Annie Schreijer-Pierik (NL, PPE), and Henna Virkkunen (FI, PPE) on unfair practices in the container shipping industry that disrupt entire supply chains. In its response, the Commission recognises that the COVID-19 pandemic had unprecedented effects on both the demand and supply sides and caused wide fluctuations in demand.

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# FMC ANNOUNCES NEW GUIDANCE ON DEMURRAGE AND DETENTION FEES

On 15 September, the U.S Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) announced in a statement that it has voted to launch two demurrage-and-detention related initiatives in order to clarify conflicts related to delayed goods at US ports. These actions follow the signing of an executive order by US President Joe Biden

ordering the FMC to take action against unreasonable fees charged by shipping companies for delays and bottlenecks at ports.

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## DEBATES ON THE REFORM OF US SHIPPING ACT TO START SOON

On 13 September, Rep. Alan Lowenthal (D-CA) announced that the U.S Congress would not begin work on the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2021 (OSRA 2021) until after November, and once the House has addressed other major legislative files such as the infrastructure package, voting rights reform, and legislation to bolster Roe v. Wade.



### STUDY ON CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS FOR EUROPEAN AVIATION

EUROCONTROL has published a study on climate change risks for European aviation, concluding that climate change poses significant and increasing risks to aviation in the years ahead.

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## SAVE THE DATE: MARKET PLACE SEMINAR 2021

Registration is open for the 10th edition of the Market Place Seminar organized by the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Association (FIATA) and the International Union of Railways (UIC), taking place on Thursday 14 October 2021 from 11:00 to 14:00 CET. As the event coincides with the European Year of Rail, the event is supported by CLECAT.



### Road

## SLOVENIA INTRODUCES COVID CERTIFICATES FOR SERVICES

The Slovenian government issued this week an ordinance on the method of meeting the condition of recovery, vaccination and testing to curb the spread of COVID-19 infections. The new ordinance, valid from 15 September introduces the RVT rule (Recovered - Vaccinated - Tested) in a large part of public life in Slovenia.



#### **Brexit**

## EU PARLIAMENT APPROVES BREXIT FUND

Earlier this week, MEPs approved the €5 billion Brexit Adjustment Reserve to help EU Member States deal with the economic, social and territorial impact of the UK's departure from the EU.

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## 2022 HS EDITION NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The new version of the Harmonized System Nomenclature (HS), which will enter into force on 1 January 2022, is now available for free on the World Customs Organization's Trade Tools platform.

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## UN TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2021

On 15 September, the UN Conference on Trade and Development published the 2021 Trade and Development Report, which finds that in 2021, the global economy will bounce back with growth of 5.3%, the fastest in nearly 50 years. The rebound is, however, highly uneven along regional, sectoral and income lines.

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**CLECAT Meetings** 

CLECAT Road Logistics Institute

23 September 2021, Online

**CLECAT Customs and Indirect Taxation Institute** 

27 September 2021, Online

**CLECAT Maritime Logistics Institute** 

28 September 2021, Online

CLECAT Security Institute

22 November 2021, Online

CLECAT Board/GA

25 November 2021, Brussels

CLECAT Freight Forwarders Forum

25 November 2021, Brussels

CLECAT Air Logistics Institute

26 November 2021, Brussels

### **Events with CLECAT participation**

Porto Maritime Week

20-24 September 2021, Porto

Connecting Europe Express Conference on Rail Freight

5 October 2021, Luxembourg/Online

Market Place Seminar - Multimodality in the year of Rail

14 October 2021, Online

GreenPort Congress 2021

21 October 2021, Place tbc

### **EU Meetings**

### Council of the European Union

Informal Transport Council

22-23 September 2021, Brussels

### **European Parliament**

European Parliament Transport Committee

27 September 2021, Brussels

European Parliament Plenary

4-7 October 2021, Strasbourg



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