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## **CLECAT NEWSLETTER**

## **Brussels News**

SUBCONTRACTING IN LOGISTICS: SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Following the recent publication of the European Parliament's draft resolution on subcontracting in various sectors, the debate around the structure and functioning of logistics supply chains has intensified across Europe. While the concerns raised by certain road carriers are legitimate, including issues such as late payments, non-payment of waiting times, it is important to recognise



that freight forwarders also face the consequences of these same dysfunctions within the market.

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## **Brussels News**

efforts to decarbonise shipping.

IMO MEMBER COUNTRIES SET TO VOTE ON NET-ZERO FRAMEWORK
On 14 October, member countries to the International Maritime Organisation
(IMO) will gather in London to formally adopt its Net-Zero Framework, a
landmark regulatory proposal designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
from global shipping. The framework, provisionally agreed in April, aims to
establish a clear pathway for the maritime sector to reach net-zero emissions
by 2050. Its adoption would represent a major milestone in international





## ROAD

#### Road

CLECAT ISSUES POSITION ON REVISION OF CO2 STANDARDS FOR VANS CLECAT submitted this week its answers and an accompanying position paper to the Commission's public consultation on the upcoming revision of CO2 standards for light-duty vehicles. The paper emphasises the need for realistic, technology-neutral regulations that align with the operational realities of the freight transport sector.

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# EP FORMALLY APPROVES TARGETED AMENDMENT TO EUROVIGNETTE

On 7 October, the European Parliament in Plenary session largely adopted the targeted amendment to the Eurovignette Directive, providing the possibility for Member States to exempt zero-emission trucks from road charges until June 2031. The decision aims to incentivise the adoption of cleaner vehicles by reducing operational costs for transport operators and accelerating the shift toward sustainable freight and passenger transport.





# **CUSTOMS & TRADE**

Customs & Trade
CLECAT JOINS CUSTOMS ECOSYSTEM CONFERENCE IN VILNIUS

CLECAT took part in the Customs Ecosystem Conference held in Vilnius this week, organised by the Lithuanian Customs Practitioners Association (LCPA) and the Lithuanian Customs Administration. -The event brought together customs administrations, business, academia, and associations for two days of discussions on the future of customs and trade facilitation.

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Customs & Trade
MOLDOVA AND MONTENEGRO JOIN TRANSIT AND SAD AGREEMENT
The European Commission has confirmed that Moldova and Montenegro will
join the Convention on a Common Transit Procedure (CTC) and the Convention



on the Simplification of Formalities in Trade in Goods (SAD Convention) on 1 November 2025.

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# Customs & Trade COMMISSION PROPOSES PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR EU STEEL

The European Commission has presented a new proposal aimed at protecting the EU steel sector from the growing challenge of global overcapacity. The initiative seeks to ensure the long-term competitiveness and sustainability of a strategically important industry that underpins much of Europe's economy and green transition.





# **MARITIME**

# Maritime

# LABOUR STRIKES DISRUPT NORTH EUROPEAN PORTS

Labour strikes are disrupting operations at two of Europe's busiest ports, Rotterdam and Antwerp-Bruges, leading to delays in cargo handling and vessel turnaround times.

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## General

LOGISTICS FOR EUROPE EVENT: SECURING GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS: FROM RISK AWARENESS TO RESILIENCE

CLECAT and the European Shippers' Council (ESC) are pleased to announce the 4th edition of the Logistics for Europe conference, which will take place on 13 November 2025 at the Stanhope Hotel in Brussels.

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## General

EU AND AZERBAIJAN HOLD SECOND HIGH-LEVEL TRANSPORT DIALOGUE
On 9 October, the European Commission and the Ministry of Digital
Development and Transport of Azerbaijan held the second High-Level
Transport Dialogue, co-chaired by Minister Rashad Nabiyev and DirectorGeneral Magda Kopczyńska.





# **EVENTS**

**CLECAT Meetings and participation in events European Logistics Platform event on Military Mobility** 14 October, Brussels **Green Port Conference** 15-17 October, Valletta **CLECAT Board** 17 October, Online eFTI4ALL / eFTI4EU Annual Conference 21 October, Berlin and online **CLECAT Digitalisation Working Group meeting** 27 October, Online **CLECAT Maritime Logistics Institute** 12 November, Antwerp **CLECAT Board and General Assembly** 13 November, Brussels **Logistics for Europe Forum** 13 November, Brussels **CLECAT Road and Sustainable Logistics Institute** 14 November, Brussels and online **CLECAT Customs and Indirect Taxation Institute** 14 November, Brussels and online **EU Meetings** European Parliament



European Parliament Environment Committee
13 October, Brussels
European Parliament Transport Committee
13 October, Brussels
European Parliament Plenary
20-23 October, Strasbourg
Council of the EU
Transport Council
4 December, Brussels
Environment Council
16 December. Brussels



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