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CLECAT NEWSLETTER

Brussels News

**CLECAT SETS OUT PRIORITIES FOR EU ETS REVISION: SAFEGUARDING
CONNECTIVITY AND COMPETITIVENESS**

CLECAT has adopted its position paper on the European Commission's proposal to revise the EU Emissions Trading System.

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Brussels News

VON DER LEYEN CALLS FOR A “TRUE TRANSPORT UNION” AT CONNECTING EUROPE DAYS

“It is time to build a true Transport Union,” European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said in her opening speech at Connecting Europe Days 2026.

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CLECAT CALLS FOR PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTEMISSIONSEU

Turning transport emissions accounting into a useful tool for business decisions was the focus of the session “Making transport emissions count with CountEmissionsEU” at Connecting Europe Days on 30 September in Brussels.

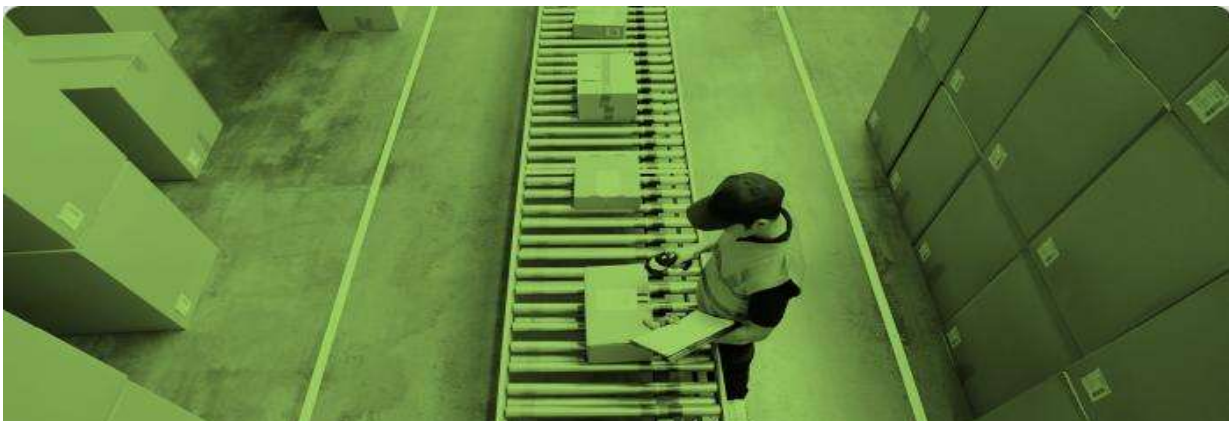
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Brussels News

CLECAT JOINS HIGH-LEVEL DEBATES ON EUROPE’S TRANSPORT FUTURE

The CLECAT team attended several high-level sessions at Connecting Europe Days, covering military mobility, infrastructure resilience, zero-emission transport and safe and secure truck parking.

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CUSTOMS & TRADE

Customs & Trade

COMMISSION SETS UNION HANDLING FEE AT EUR 2 PER ITEM

On 21 September, the European Commission adopted a Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) 2026/2108 establishing the Union Customs Code, which sets the amount of the Union handling fee at EUR 2 per item.

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Customs & Trade

CLECAT CALLS FOR A COORDINATED APPROACH TO PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

EU rules on restricted goods need to work for the people handling shipments at the border. That was CLECAT's message at a CustomsClear online roundtable on 24 September 2026.

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Customs & Trade

CUSTOMS ECOSYSTEM CONGRESS TO FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTING EU CUSTOMS REFORM

With the new Union Customs Code adopted, attention is turning to how the reform will work in practice. The Customs Ecosystem Congress, taking place in Liège on 14 October 2026, will bring together EU institutions, customs administrations, trade associations, practitioners and academia to discuss the next steps.

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Customs & Trade

EU AND PHILIPPINES REACH PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT ON FREE TRADE DEAL

The EU and the Philippines have reached substantial agreement in their negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA), aimed at deepening economic ties with a strategic, fast-growing partner in Southeast Asia.

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AIR

Air

PARLIAMENT DEBATES SAF BOOK-AND-CLAIM AS COMMISSION PREPARES REFUELEU AVIATION REVIEW

On 28 September, rapporteur Jan-Christoph Oetjen (Renew, DE) presented his draft own-initiative report on a regulatory framework to promote the uptake of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) to the European Parliament's Transport and Tourism Committee.

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Air

GERMANY, AUSTRIA, AND LUXEMBOURG LAUNCH JOINT E-SAF FUNDING SCHEME

Last week, Germany, Austria, and Luxembourg launched a joint funding scheme to accelerate the development and market uptake of electricity-based sustainable aviation fuels (e-SAF) in Europe.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability

REVISED ESRS AND VOLUNTARY SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARD ADOPTED

The revised European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) and a new voluntary sustainability reporting standard for companies outside the scope of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) have been adopted.

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ROAD

Road

ELECTRIC TRUCKS ALREADY CHEAPER THAN DIESEL IN SIX MAJOR EU MARKETS, T&E FINDS

Electric trucks already have a lower total cost of ownership than comparable diesel trucks in six of the nine EU markets examined by Transport & Environment (T&E).

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Road

ICCT HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR TARGETED GRID PLANNING FOR ELECTRIC TRUCK CHARGING

The International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) has published a new study modelling where and when demand for electric truck charging infrastructure is expected to develop across Europe between 2030 and 2045.

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MARITIME

Maritime

EUROPEAN MARITIME AND LOGISTICS ASSOCIATIONS CALL FOR STRONGER PORT COMPETITIVENESS AT PORTO MARITIME WEEK

CLECAT joined fellow European maritime and logistics associations at Porto Maritime Week last week to discuss the future of Europe's ports and shipping sector.

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Maritime

ROTTERDAM STUDY SHOWS HOW BARGE DELAYS ADD TO WIDER PORT CONGESTION

Congestion in Rotterdam is often described in terms of ships waiting for a berth or trucks queuing at terminals.

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RAIL

Rail

BALTIC STATES SEEK €10 BILLION MORE FOR RAIL BALTICA AS 2030 TARGET SLIPS

Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania are seeking at least €10 billion in dedicated EU funding to complete Rail Baltica.

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DIGITALISATION

Digitalisation

EESC CALLS FOR SIMPLER AND MORE DIGITAL EU TRANSPORT RULES

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) has called for widespread simplification and digitalisation of EU transport legislation, arguing that the growing complexity of the regulatory framework creates unnecessary administrative burdens for transport and logistics operators.

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EVENT

CLECAT Meetings and participation in events

FIATA World Congress

06 - 09 October, Milan

EXITO project launch event

19 - 20 October, Genoa

eFTI Yearly Conference

27 - 28 October, Paris

CLECAT Road Logistics Institute meeting

25 November, Brussels

CLECAT Supply Chain Security Institute meeting

25 November, Brussels

Logistics for Europe Forum

26 November, Brussels

CLECAT General Assembly

26 November, Brussels

CLECAT Customs and Indirect Taxation Institute meeting

27 November, Brussels

CLECAT Rail Logistics Institute meeting

27 November, Brussels

EU Meetings

European Parliament

European Parliament Internal Market Committee

15 October, Brussels

European Parliament Transport Committee

05 October, Strasbourg

European Parliament Environment Committee

01 October, Brussels

European Parliament Plenary

05 - 08 September, Strasbourg

Council of the EU

Transport Council

30 November, Brussels

Environment Council

11 December, Brussels

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