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## CLECAT NEWSLETTER

### Brussels News

#### ELP EVENT ON EU CUSTOMS REFORM

The European Logistics Platform (ELP) convened a high-level debate on the proposed EU Customs Reform on 26 March, hosted by MEP Dirk Gotink, Rapporteur on the reform, to explore the challenges and opportunities for business in navigating the most significant customs overhaul since 1968.

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#### COUNCIL ADOPTS THE OMNIBUS “STOP-THE-CLOCK” PROPOSAL

The Council of the EU has reached a general approach on the 'Stop the Clock' mechanism, the proposal postponing the dates of application of certain corporate sustainability reporting and due diligence requirements, as well as the transposition deadline of the due diligence provisions,

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#### COM LAUNCHES THE EU PREPAREDNESS UNION STRATEGY

On 26 March, the European Commission and the High Representative launched the Preparedness Union Strategy, with the aim to enhance Europe's capability to prevent and respond to emerging threats. The Strategy is based on the report by former Finnish President Sauli Niinistö on the EU's civilian and military preparedness and readiness, to which CLECAT contributed on transport security-related aspects.

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#### EP AND COUNCIL STRIKE A DEAL ON THE REVISION OF DRIVING LICENCES DIRECTIVE

On 25 March, negotiators from the Parliament and the Council reached a political agreement on the revision of the Driving Licences Directive. This agreement, announced on 25 March 2025, aims to modernise the rules

**governing driving licences across the European Union and helping alleviate the shortage of professional drivers.**

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## MARITIME

### Maritime

#### **JOINT STATEMENT: RESILIENT WATERBORNE LOGISTICS SUPPLY CHAINS: A KEY TO EU COMPETITIVENESS**

**Ahead of the European Commission's upcoming Maritime and Port Strategies, CLECAT and 16 organisations from across Europe's logistics and transport sectors have adopted a joint statement titled "Resilient Waterborne Logistics Supply Chains: A Key to EU Competitiveness."**

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## Maritime

### CLECAT MARITIME LOGISTICS INSTITUTE MEETS

Members of the CLECAT Maritime Logistics Institute met today to discuss the latest developments in maritime freight transport, focusing on the implementation of ICS2 Release 3 for maritime transport, ETS Maritime, and the upcoming EU Ports Strategy.

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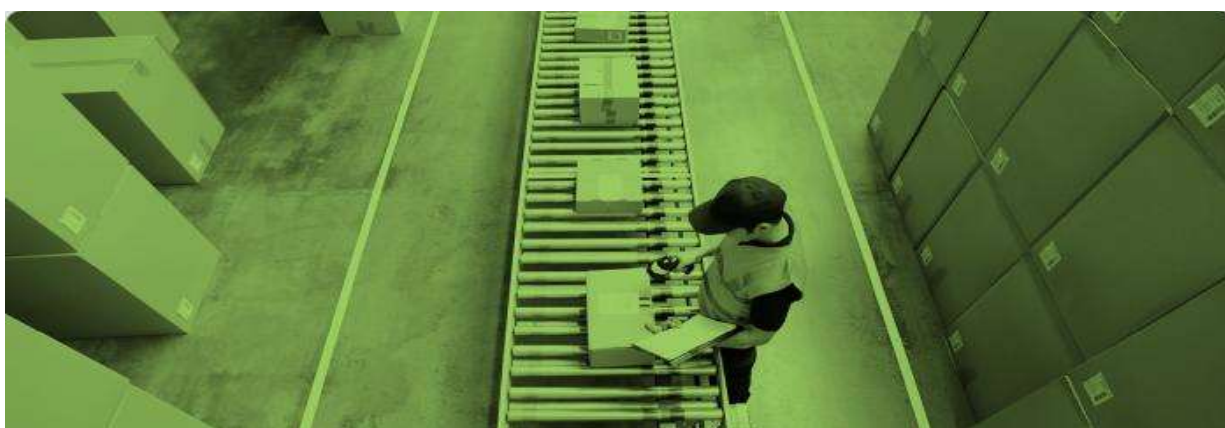
## ROAD

### Road

ECTA STUDY ON KPI FOR ZERO EMISSION TRUCKING IN EUROPE

**The European Clean Trucking Alliance (ECTA) has released a comprehensive report detailing the progress and challenges of transitioning to zero-emission trucking across Europe**

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## **CUSTOMS & TRADE**

### **Customs & Trade**

#### **COURT OF AUDITORS PUBLISHES VAT FRAUD REPORT**

**On 21 March, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) published its Special Report 08/2025, focusing on VAT fraud on imports through simplified customs procedures, namely customs procedure 42 (CP42) and the Import One Stop Shop (IOSS). The report concludes that the EU's financial interests are insufficiently protected under the current framework, revealing systemic weaknesses in legislation, enforcement, and cooperation among Member States and EU institutions.**

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**AIR**

**Air  
COMMISSION STANDS FIRM ON SAF TARGETS DESPITE INDUSTRY CONCERNS**  
Gathered in Brussels on 27 March for the Airlines for Europe (A4E) Aviation Summit, the CEOs of Europe's largest carriers voiced strong concerns over the feasibility of the 2030 sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) targets set by the ReFuelEU Aviation Regulation.

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## EVENTS

**CLECAT Meetings and participation in events**  
**CLECAT Customs and Indirect Taxation Institute meeting**  
**8 April, Hybrid**  
**CLECAT General Assembly**  
**17 June, Gdansk**  
**EU Meetings**  
**European Parliament**  
**European Parliament Environment Committee**  
**31 March, Strasbourg**  
**European Parliament Transport Committee**  
**9-10 April, Brussels**  
**European Parliament Plenary**  
**31 March - 3 April, Strasbourg**  
**Council of the EU**

**Informal meeting of environment ministers**  
**28-29 April, Warsaw**  
**Transport Council**  
**5 June, Luxembourg**



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