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News from Brussels

ELP EVENT ON POST COP21 – IMPACT ON TRANSPORT

The European Logistics Platform will organise a dinner event on **Monday, 22 February 2016 at the Stanhope Hotel** on Post COP21 and the impact for EU transport and logistics policy.



The event will be hosted by Member of the European Parliament Wim van de Camp. Speakers include Rolf Diemer from DG MOVE, Rachael Dillon from FTA and Sophie Punte, from the Global Logistics Emissions Council (GLEC). She will explain why GLEC is creating one universal and transparent way of calculating logistics emissions across the global multi-modal supply chain.

For more information about GLEC and its work see the recently released video animation [here](#). In case of interest please contact the ELP Secretariat at info@europeanlogisticsplatform.eu

EP HEARING ON IMPACT REFUGEE CRISIS ON TRANSPORT

The ALDE group of the EP with the support of Matthijs van Miltenburg (MEP) will organise a hearing on the impact of the refugee crisis on the EU transport sector on 3 March 2016 from 09:30 – 12:30 in the European Parliament.

The current deteriorating refugee crisis shows that the lack of a comprehensive EU migration and asylum system seriously affects our European economy, especially the transport sector and networks. This event will aim at showing, beyond the human cost, the economic impact on one of the EU core sectors, transport.

Road

EP MEETING ON SCHENGEN REFORM AND IMPACT ON FREIGHT



CLECAT has been invited by MEP Anne SANDER to the third meeting of the 'working group on cross-border cooperation' discuss the Schengen reform and its impact on the border areas. The meeting will take place on the 25th Feb in European Parliament.

The re-establishment of border control in many European countries is changing the conditions for mobility and exchanges within the European

Union. The European Commission estimated that 1.7 million cross border workers and 57 million annual cross-border road transport movements could be impacted. The rating agency Moody's believes that "the imposition of temporary border controls in certain places of the Schengen area already has been responsible of [...] long traffic jams and rising costs for a number of companies."

The meeting will aim to make an inventory of border controls in Europe, to assess the impacts on border areas and to consider different scenario in order to find the right balance between migration management, internal security and free movement in border regions.

MANAGING THE IMPACT OF MIGRATION ON ROAD HAULAGE

CLECAT has been invited to a technical working group organised by DG MOVE to discuss possible measures to help the responsible actors in the sector (drivers, company and fleet managers, sub-contractors, other third parties) and also those in the public sector to better protect their assets and prevent the non-intentional facilitation of migrant smuggling.

Industry has reported on the huge impact that the migrant crisis affecting the EU has had upon the private road transport sector over the last year. This is a result of the large numbers of migrants trying to access Lorries to be carried without detection across Member States borders where controls are in place, both existing Schengen zone external borders and across temporary internal borders. There have been numerous attacks on lorry drivers themselves as well as repeated and well-coordinated attempts to access vehicles queuing to pass border controls. The unauthorised intrusion of so many migrants has resulted in millions of euros of damages to the sector in the last year including damage to both vehicles and goods and delayed or ruined shipments.

Rail

POLISH RAIL FREIGHT GIANT EXPANDS INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

As part of its effort to extend its international reach into Eastern Europe and along the Baltic-Adriatic-North Sea railway corridor, Poland's PKP Cargo has secured funding to complete the acquisition of Advanced World Transport.

The deal, originally signed in May last year, has now been under-written by a €100m long-term, multi-currency loan to PKP from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.



PKP, Europe's second-largest railway freight transport operator and majority privately owned following privatisation in 2013, is attempting to expand its international freight operations to reduce its reliance on domestic services.

Along with the EBRD loan, the acquisition of AWT, a transport and logistics operator based in the Czech Republic that boasts operations throughout central Europe, will allow PKP Cargo to provide seamless border crossings to and from the Czech Republic and beyond as well as enable more infrastructure investment, the company claims.

Full article available [here](#), 05/02/2016

Air

ICAO AGREES NEW AIRCRAFT FUEL EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

The European Commission has praised a deal sealed on 8 February on new aircraft fuel efficiency measures as the first ever-global effort to reduce the CO₂ emissions agreed by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). The Transport Commissioner, Violeta Bulc, called it an "important step" to curb aviation emissions. The new standards aim at integrating fuel efficient technologies into aircraft design and development.

The 170 experts involved from governments, industry and NGOs agreed on minimum fuel-efficiency performances of new aircraft models launched after 2020, when the rules come into effect. The standard will also be phased in for all existing aircraft types produced from 2023, even if they were designed and launched before 2020.

But the NGO Transport and Environment pointed out that the new aircraft models expected for the next decade "will easily comply with a higher stringency" than that now set for the industry. "Reducing aviation emissions is critical to the industry's environmental sustainability, but the commercial interests of companies like Airbus have been put way before environmental considerations," Bill Hemmings, Aviation Director at T&E said. Hemmings also lamented that the outcome "reflects poorly on the European experts and their governments" as they were easily influenced by Boeing and Airbus.

Despite their differences, Commission and environmentalists agreed on the greater role that a market-based mechanism would have to reduce the CO₂ emissions from the aviation sector. Next September, governments are expected to agree on a new market-based instrument during the ICAO General Assembly.

This new mechanism could follow the model of the EU's emission trading scheme, although experts said that few details have emerged despite the last three years of preparatory work. "I hope this [the agreement] will create further momentum for the creation of a global market-based Measure to offset CO₂ emissions from international aviation, which we hope to achieve this autumn at the ICAO General Assembly," Bulc said.

Meanwhile, Airbus and Boeing, responsible for 90% of the CO₂ emissions worldwide, welcomed the new standards reached by the ICAO. This "ambitious" agreement represents "real progress" to reduce aviation emissions, Boeing said in a statement.

Source: [EurActiv](#)



Maritime

MAERSK LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR NEW CONTAINER WEIGHING RULES

Maersk Line is preparing an awareness campaign to alert shippers to container weighing regulations that come into effect on 1st July.

Amid confusion over the IMO's guidelines for implementing the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) regulations, which state a verified gross mass (VGM) must be provided by shippers to shipping lines before a container is loaded, Maersk Line's VGM programme manager Lars Lorenzen told The Loadstar the current state of industry readiness was in significant need of improvement.

A recent survey by INTTRA, an ocean shipping e-marketplace, showed that only 30% of shippers expected their company, and/or their customers, to be compliant by the time the regulations come into effect.

One area of confusion appears to be the timing of VGM submission, since the legislation does not provide any official deadlines.

Mr Lorenzen said Maersk Line would continue setting deadlines for submissions locally. One way of avoiding potential supply chain disruptions could be a standardised method for electronic VGM submission. INTTRA is working towards a uniform technology standard for digital documentation of VGM submission, while Maersk Line is also focusing its preparations on EDI.

Meanwhile, the European Shippers' Council (ESC) has expressed concern over the lack of government guidance surrounding the regulations.

Full article available [here](#), 04/02/2016

Forthcoming events

CLECAT MEETINGS

Air Logistics Institute

2 March 2016, Brussels

Supply Chain Security Institute

2 March 2016, Brussels

Road Workshop on Market access

3 March 2016, Brussels

Sustainable Logistics Institute

3 March 2016, Brussels

Customs and Indirect Taxation Institute

4 March 2016, Brussels



Board/General Assembly

22 June 2016, Rotterdam

Rail logistics institute

22 June 2016, Rotterdam

OTHER EVENTS WITH CLECAT PARTICIPATION

SHORT SEA SHIPPING High level conference

15 February, Amsterdam

ACEA Stakeholders event

16 February, Brussels

ITF Consultation Meeting

17 February, Brussels

DTLF Plenary meeting

16 March & 20 September

ELP Dinner, POST COP21

22 February, Brussels

EP Working Group on Cross-border Cooperation

25 February, Brussels

Impact of the refugee crisis on the EU transport sector

3 March, Brussels

SITL – CLECAT/TLF/ESC workshop Global Supply Chain Day

22 March, Paris

Road Freight Conference

19 April, Brussels

ITF 2016 Summit on Green and Inclusive Transport

18-20 May Leipzig, Germany

Conference on the rail freight corridors, NL Presidency

21 June Rotterdam, Netherlands

EP/COUNCIL MEETINGS

European Parliament

Transport Committee

- 15/16 February 2016, Brussels

Draft agenda

- Announcement of Council's positions at 1st reading and draft recommendations for 2nd reading on 4th Railway Package Technical Pillar
- Social Dumping - consideration of draft opinion
- Hearing on Road Transport Safety



Plenary Session

- 1/4 February, Strasbourg
- 24/25 February, Brussels

Council of the European Union

Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council

- 3 March, Brussels
- 15 March, Brussels

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