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European Commission publishes EU Taxonomy Compass

This EU Taxonomy Compass provides a visual representation of the contents of the EU Taxonomy, starting with the Delegated Act on the climate objectives, as adopted on 4 June 2021. Looking forward, it will be updated to include future delegated acts specifying technical screening criteria for additional economic activities substantially contributing to the climate objectives and the other environmental objectives of the Taxonomy Regulation. It will also reflect reviews of the delegated acts in the future: <https://ec.europa.eu/sustainable-finance-taxonomy/index.htm>

FIA: Study on Liabilities of Independent Service Providers

The Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) has recently commissioned a legal study concerning Liabilities of Independent Service Providers when providing repair and maintenance under the Secure Onboard Telematics Platform. The authors of the study come to the conclusion that the time is right for a decisive step to be taken in the direction of a clear sector-specific EU regulated access regime and resultant revision of the Type Approval Regulation: <https://www.fiaregion1.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/FIA-Final-Report-ISPs-Liabilities-20210531.pdf>

EU's flagship programme Connecting Europe Facility 2.0 adopted by the Council

The Council adopted the EU's Connecting Europe Facility 2.0 (CEF 2.0) programme, worth €33.71 billion, to fund the development of high-performing, sustainable infrastructure in the fields of transport, digital and energy. This second edition of the programme will run from 2021 to 2027. The vote by the Council will be followed by final adoption by the European Parliament: https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2021/06/14/eu-s-flagship-programme-connecting-europe-facility-2-0-adopted-by-the-council/?utm_source=dsms-auto&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EU%25u2019s+flagship+programme+Connecting+Europe+Facility+2.0+adopted+by+the+Council

Fit for 55: Renew Europe Group addresses President von der Leyen and Executive Vice-President Timmermans

The Renew Europe Group has sent an open letter to Commission President von der Leyen and Executive Vice-President Timmermans in view of the "Fit for 55" package, urging the need for a ensuring a price on pollution through a WTO-compatible carbon border adjustment mechanism as part of a strengthened Emissions Trading System: <https://reneweuropegroup.app.box.com/s/txphe0e8a9ssmmhsc7axeyy1tczu53us>

EU road charging rules (Eurovignette) – Presidency reaches informal deal with the Parliament

The negotiators from the Council and the European Parliament reached a political agreement on revised road charging rules (Eurovignette directive), to address greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental impacts, congestion and road infrastructure financing. After some further work at technical level to finalise the text, the presidency will submit the outcome of the negotiations to the Council's Permanent Representatives Committee for endorsement. This will be followed by adoption by both the Council and the European Parliament. Member states will have two years from the entry into force of the directive in which to incorporate the provisions into their national law: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2021/06/16/eu-road-charging-rules-eurovignette-presidency-reaches-informal-deal-with-the-parliament/>

CLEPA: Extension of steel import restrictions into EU will hinder competitiveness of automotive suppliers and put jobs at risk

The European Commission's proposal to extend the steel safeguard mechanism by three years threatens to derail the automotive sector's recovery, according to the European Association for Automotive Suppliers (CLEPA). They outline that automotive suppliers source most of their steel within the EU and predominantly import specialised steel for which no sufficient European capacity is available: <https://clepa.eu/mediaroom/extension-of-steel-import-restrictions-into-eu-will-hinder-competitiveness-of-automotive-suppliers-and-put-jobs-at-risk/>

The Alliance of European Car Dealers and Repairers (AECDR) represents and promotes the interests of 57,500 franchised dealers and authorised repairers. In total these companies employ 1.175,000 people.