

NEWS FROM BRUSSELS 23/2021

ACEA: Commercial vehicle registrations keep increasing

In May 2021, EU commercial vehicle registrations increased by 51.3% to 165,363 units, still more than 30,000 below pre-pandemic volume levels, according to the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA). Looking at the four key markets, Spain saw the highest percentage growth (+89.6%), followed by Italy (+51.3%), Germany (+46.4%) and France (+28.4%): <https://www.acea.auto/cv-registrations/commercial-vehicle-registrations-43-9-five-months-into-2021-51-3-in-may/>

EU Climate Law: MEPs confirm deal on climate neutrality by 2050

The European Parliament has endorsed the Climate Law, agreed informally with member states already in April, with 442 votes to 203 and 51 abstentions. The law transforms the European Green Deal's political commitment to EU climate neutrality by 2050 into a binding obligation. The new EU Climate Law increases the EU's target for reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 from 40% to at least 55%, compared to 1990 levels: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20210621IPR06627/eu-climate-law-meps-confirm-deal-on-climate-neutrality-by-2050>

NextGenerationEU: Progress in the implementation process

The European Council reviewed the state of play of the implementation of NextGenerationEU. It welcomes the timely entry into force of the Own Resources Decision, which enabled the Commission to start borrowing resources for Next Generation EU to support a full and inclusive recovery and the Union's green and digital transitions. The European Council encourages the Commission and the Council to take work forward on the National Recovery and Resilience Plans with a view to their approval so that Member States can make full use of the potential of the Recovery and Resilience Facility funding, and underlines the importance of full and timely implementation of the plans while protecting the financial interest of the Union: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/50763/2425-06-21-euco-conclusions-en.pdf>

Digital Markets Act: IMCO Debate

During its latest debate, the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) discussed the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council

concerning contestable and fair markets in the digital sector (Digital Markets Act). MEPs agreed that the key factor in the text will be the definition of gatekeepers. A broader definition than that of the rapporteur, Andreas Schwab (EPP), was requested by a majority of MEPs: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2014_2019/plmrep/COMMITTEES/IMCO/PR/2021/06-21/1231257EN.pdf

Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Single Market for Digital Services

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) recently discussed the draft report on the Digital Services Act. Some MEPs argued that the proposed text might affect especially the competitiveness of small and medium-sized companies, due to high bureaucratic requirements. Moreover, the consumer side as well as data protection were discussed, especially with a view to the matter of personalized advertising: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2014_2019/plmrep/COMMITTEES/IMCO/PR/2021/06-21/1232421EN.pdf

Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy: ENVI Debate

On 21 June, the ENVI committee (Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety) held a debate on its position on the "Strategy for Sustainable and Intelligent Mobility". While in the debate, the EPP focused on the EU Emissions Trading System, the Greens called for a focus on e-mobility and Renew Europe advanced the need for all modes of transport. The ENVI vote on the amendments is scheduled for 27 September 2021: https://emeeting.europarl.europa.eu/emeeting/committee/de/agenda/202106/ENVI?meeting=ENVI-2021-0621_1&session=06-21-13-45

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.