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Commercial vehicle registrations: +14.7% ten months into 2021; -16.4% in October

According to latest figures published by ACEA, registrations of new commercial vehicles in the EU continued their downward trajectory in October 2021, posting another double-digit drop (-16.4%). All vehicle segments saw declines, but van and bus sales fell most significantly. The region's overall performance was not helped by its largest markets, as all four suffered double-digit losses last month: Spain (-32.7%), Germany (-24.3%), France (-23.3%) and Italy (-22.9%): <https://www.acea.auto/cv-registrations/commercial-vehicle-registrations-14-7-ten-months-into-2021-16-4-in-october/>

EU Budget 2022 approved: Investing more for a strong recovery

For next year's EU budget, MEPs have secured support for health, research, climate action, SMEs and the young. Parliament has obtained in total €479.1 million for its priorities, on top of what the Commission proposed. MEPs were successful in increasing funding for programmes and policies that contribute to the post-pandemic recovery, in line with Parliament's priorities set out in its guidelines for 2022: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20211118IPR17624/eu-budget-2022-approved-investing-more-for-a-strong-recovery>

Electric vehicles: Tax benefits & purchase incentives in the European Union (2021)

Nearly all EU member states now offer some form of fiscal support to stimulate the market uptake of electric vehicles, but both the nature and the monetary value of such tax benefits and purchase incentives still differ widely across the European Union. The 2021 update of ACEA's comprehensive overview shows the fiscal measures for buying electric vehicles that are currently available in the 27 EU member states, looking at tax benefits (related to vehicle acquisition and ownership, as well as company cars) and purchase incentives, such as bonus payments or premiums for buyers: <https://www.acea.auto/fact/overview-electric-vehicles-tax-benefits-purchase-incentives-european-union-2021/>

The EU framework for large transport infrastructure projects: An international comparison

Large infrastructure projects play a key role in the delivery of the EU Trans-European Transport Network. This review by the European Court of Auditors compares the EU framework for their delivery with selected countries, identifying practices which the Commission and policymakers could take inspiration from and if necessary adapt to the EU context: <https://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/DocItem.aspx?did=60281>