

## NEWS FROM BRUSSELS 9/2022

### European Commission publishes Data Act

On 23 February, the EU Commission has published the last legislative initiative in the framework of its data strategy. The proposal for the Data Act includes measures to allow users of connected devices to gain access to data generated by them, measures to rebalance negotiation power for SMEs by preventing abuse of contractual imbalances in data sharing contracts and means for **public sector bodies to access and use data** held by the private sector that is necessary for exceptional circumstances: [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_1113](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_1113)

### Informal Meeting of Transport Ministers in the European Council

On 21 and 22 February, Jean-Baptiste Djebbari, French Minister Delegate for Transport, welcomed his European colleagues along with the European Commissioner for Transport, and the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism for an informal meeting of transport ministers. The informal meeting was an opportunity to reach agreement on the three major priorities for the transport sector during the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union: 1) decarbonisation, 2) innovation and 3) regulation: [Informal meeting of transport Ministers: three major priorities for the future of European transport - French Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2022 \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/transport/informal-meeting-of-transport-ministers-three-major-priorities-for-the-future-of-european-transport-french-presidency-of-the-council-of-the-european-union-2022)

### Competitiveness Council: Implementation of Fit-for 55

On 24 February, the national Ministers for Competition met in the framework of the EU Competitiveness Council and held a debate on the future of the industrial mobility ecosystem in the context of the green transition. Ministers addressed the specific challenges that implementing the 'fit for 55' package would pose for the mobility industries. They discussed **their estimation of the scale** and cost of the green mobility transition, but also its **long-term benefits** and the actions required to support the transition: [Competitiveness Council \(internal market and industry\), 24 February 2022 - Consilium \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/competitiveness-council/internal-market-and-industry/24-february-2022-consilium)

### European Commission adopts proposal for a Directive on corporate sustainability due diligence

On 23 February, the EU Commission has published the proposal for a Directive on corporate sustainability due diligence. The proposal aims to foster sustainable and responsible corporate behaviour throughout global value chains. This proposal establishes a corporate sustainability due diligence duty to address negative human rights and environmental impacts. Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are not directly in the scope: [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/de/ip\\_22\\_1145](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/de/ip_22_1145)

### High-level meeting of European Battery Alliance

On 23 February, the Sixth High-Level Meeting of the European Battery Alliance took place in Brussels to discuss the progress in developing the battery value chain in Europe. The Commission also presented priority areas for the work of the European Battery Alliance in 2022. The European Battery Academy was launched in the margins of the High-Level Meeting. By signing a letter of intent between the European Institute of Innovation and Technology and EIT InnoEnergy, the Commission will support the Academy with a grant of €10 million: [European Battery Alliance \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/battery-alliance)