

## NEWS FROM BRUSSELS 35/2022

### European Union introduces 8th sanctions package against Russia

On 28 September, Commission President von der Leyen and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs Borrell presented the eighth package of sanctions in view of the escalating military aggression of Russia in Ukraine. The sanctions will further restrict trade by introducing new import bans on Russian products and extending the list of products that cannot be exported. The sanction package also lays the legal basis for an oil price cap that the G7 has agreed in principle to introduce. Furthermore, the EU is increasing the listing of persons and entities which have been sanctioned: <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/video/I-230786>

### European Parliament: Negotiations on EU Chips Act

On 26 September, the rapporteur for the EU Chips Act presented a [draft report](#) to the members of the ITRE Committee. The report mainly focuses on the equal access to subsidies for all Member States, as well as monitoring potential weaknesses in the supply chain. The ECON Committee presented [amendments](#) to its [report](#) published in June.

### Germany and France launch initiative on critical raw materials

At the occasion of the Competitiveness Council on 29 September, the German and French delegations published a joint declaration on the proposal for a critical raw materials initiative. The statement is based on a non-paper which is mainly focused on how to strengthen the crisis management in the provision of critical raw materials and how to ensure fair and sustainable market conditions. The joint declaration is meant to feed into the work of the Commission and to inspire the other Member States to also position themselves on this issue. The Commission is currently preparing a Raw Materials Act, to be expected at the beginning of next year: [https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/compet/2022/09/29/?utm\\_source=dsms-auto&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Competitiveness+Council+\(Internal+market+and+industry\)](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/compet/2022/09/29/?utm_source=dsms-auto&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Competitiveness+Council+(Internal+market+and+industry))

### European Parliament: Exchange on intelligent transport systems

On 26 September, the TRAN Committee exchanged views on the introduction of intelligent transport systems (ITS) and the necessary framework conditions. The rapporteur for the file Rovana Plumb (S&D) highlighted that data for the ITS should be easy to use and interoperable: [https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/de/webstreaming/tran-committee-meeting\\_20220926-1500-COMMITTEE-TRAN](https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/de/webstreaming/tran-committee-meeting_20220926-1500-COMMITTEE-TRAN)

## **ACER (European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators) publishes consultation on electricity-grid connection**

On 26 September, the ACER has launched a stakeholder consultation open until 21 November, asking for input on potential amendments to the grid connection network codes. The consultation aims to collect proposals on how to revise the regulatory framework to prepare the European electricity grid-network for increasing the use of e-mobility. The EU Commission had asked ACER to launch the process to amend the existing legal conditions. For this purpose a [draft strategy paper](#) was published in Mai 2022 and first feedback from stakeholders was collected during a public workshop: <https://acer.europa.eu/documents/public-consultations/pc2022e08-public-consultation-amendments-grid-connection-network>

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