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EU Council and European Parliament reach political agreement on sustainable batteries regulation

On 9 December, the trilogue negotiations on the proposed regulation on batteries and battery waste ended with a provisional political agreement. The co-legislators agreed that the regulation will cover the whole life cycle of batteries, from design to end of life, and will apply to all types of batteries sold in the EU: portable batteries, SLI batteries (providing energy for starting, lighting or igniting vehicles), batteries for light means of transport (LMT) (providing energy for the traction of wheeled vehicles, such as scooters and electric bicycles), those for electric vehicles or even industrial batteries: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/09/council-and-parliament-strike-provisional-deal-to-create-a-sustainable-life-cycle-for-batteries/>

EU Road Safety Conference took place on 8 December

On 8 December, DG Move organised a conference on the results on EU Road Safety. The EU Road Safety Results Conference was an opportunity to engage with EU Member State authorities and all stakeholders on the progress being made with implementing the Safe System approach. It allowed participants to learn how work towards the Key Performance Indicators set out in the Next Steps Towards Vision Zero policy framework is moving forward: https://road-safety.transport.ec.europa.eu/eu-road-safety-results-conference-2022-2022-12-08_en

Telecommunications Council met to discuss AI, Data Act and cyber security files

On 6 December, the Council configuration “Transport, Telecommunications and Energy” agreed on a negotiating mandate on the proposal for a regulation on the harmonised rules on artificial intelligence, the Artificial Intelligence Act. The Council was also informed of progress on the proposal for a Regulation on harmonised rules on fair access to and use of data (Data Act). Based on the progress on this proposal achieved under the Czech presidency, work in the Council will continue under the Swedish presidency. The Council finally exchanged views on progress made regarding the Cyber Resilience Act: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/tte/2022/12/06/>

European Commission presents proposal on community designs

On 28 November, the EU Commission has published a proposal for a regulation on community designs. Only in some member states is it currently possible to legally protect the design of visible spare parts such as tires or headlights. The new proposal is supposed to harmonise legislation and to find a common European solution. The European Parliament and the Council will now start assessing the text: https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/publications/proposal-regulation-community-designs_en

Luca de Meo, CEO of Renault Group, elected president of ACEA

On 9 December, the Board of Directors of the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) elected Luca de Meo, CEO of Renault Group as its President for 2023. As of 1 January, Mr. de Meo will take over the presidency from BMW's CEO, Oliver Zipse, who has held the position for the last two years: <https://www.acea.auto/press-release/luca-de-meo-ceo-of-renault-group-to-serve-as-acea-president-next-year/>

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.