

## NEWS FROM BRUSSELS 46/2022

### **TEN-T, “Fit for 55” files and Ukraine on agenda for transport ministers**

On 5 December, the EU transport ministers meet to adopt their general approach to the revision of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) Regulation. The presidency will also update the ministers on several ongoing legislative files in the “Fit for 55” package. In addition, ministers will exchange views on the situation in Ukraine and explore possible ways to better implement their commitments for a coordinated EU response to the crisis in the field of transport, including the implementation of solidarity lanes. Finally, the meeting will be an opportunity for the future Swedish Presidency of the EU Council to present its work programme for the first half of 2023 to the Member States: [https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/tte/2022/12/05/?utm\\_source=dsms-auto&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Forward+look%3a+5+-+18+December+2022](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/tte/2022/12/05/?utm_source=dsms-auto&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Forward+look%3a+5+-+18+December+2022)

### **Political agreement reached in EU Council on corporate due diligence**

On 1 December, the Czech Presidency of the EU Council reached a political agreement (general approach) on the corporate due diligence directive. The EU industry ministers had been discussing the dossier extensively. During the discussion, many ministers spoke out against the latest compromise put forward the day before. EU countries are divided between those who wish to exclude the financial sector entirely from the scope of the directive and those who believe that all companies that fall within the defined thresholds should apply the due diligence obligations. As a compromise, the Czech Presidency proposed a different solution: whether to add the financial sector will be left to the discretion of the Member States: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/01/council-adopts-position-on-due-diligence-rules-for-large-companies/>

### **Council adopts position on EU Chips Act – Budget remains uncertain**

On 1 December, EU Ministers for the Internal Market and Industry supported the general approach proposed by the Czech Presidency on the semiconductor initiative at the Competitiveness Council. However, the Member States remain uncertain about the budgetary aspects of the initiative. During the negotiations at technical level and at the level of the Committee of Permanent Representatives I (Coreper I), the budgetary issue remained unresolved, with the vast majority of Member States opposing the use of decommitments from Horizon Europe. The budget issue shall be resolved during the interinstitutional negotiations under the Swedish or Spanish Presidency. The European Parliament is behind in the negotiations and is expected to adopt its position in February 2023: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/12/01/chips-act-council-adopts-position/>

## **European Commission organises first roundtable on mobility transition pathway**

On 28 November, the EU Commission held a roundtable event on the transition pathway for the mobility ecosystem in Brussels. This event was meant to pursue the process launched in the context of the new EU Industrial strategy earlier this year with the public consultation on the staff working document 'For a resilient, innovative, sustainable and digital mobility ecosystem – Scenarios for a transition pathway': [https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/events/co-creation-roundtable-event-mobility-transition-pathway-2022-11-28\\_en](https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/events/co-creation-roundtable-event-mobility-transition-pathway-2022-11-28_en)

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