



If you came to the point of reading this document, we believe you probably have a specific interest in CLECAT activities. If this assumption is correct and you consider the idea of becoming a Member of CLECAT, please use the following information to become familiar with our activities and with the benefits membership could bring your organisation.

CLECAT and the European Union

European legislation is here to stay and will become more and more important as Europe expands and industry attempts to harmonise across borders. Crucially we are in the back yard of the European Institutions, as such we cover *all* the breaking news that comes out of the Institutions, from the early Green and White Papers to the final legislative rulings.

We are actively involved with Parliament, Commission and Member States and have on many occasions been asked for advice and to give our sectors particular viewpoint. There is regular involvement in public consultations and we have all the facilities and experience to help shape legislation and represent your members at European level.

CLECAT Activities

CLECAT monitors legislation in the areas of road, rail, maritime, air, customs, security and sustainable logistics and we are in regular contact with many other organisations across Brussels from all modes of transport, from shippers, hauliers, infrastructure managers...etc. We are also one of the few organisations who cover *all* the meetings and follow *all* the issues coming out of the World Customs Organisation, and have a strong partnership with FIATA in this regard.

As a regular (50 years and counting) and trusted contributor to European affairs we have access to many unofficial meetings and are in regular contact with the highest levels of the European public establishment, be it Commission, Parliament or Member states, without forgetting consultative bodies such as the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee.

Participating in our policy work (or simply receiving information on EU developed policy) will make it possible for your organisation to be on the right side of the implementation phase. You will know in advance how things will look like and



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you will be able both to defend your interests and to get acquainted with the new legal environment well in advance of others.

Our service for our members

Last year saw nearly 450 circulars sent to our members, with a growing trend that is set to continue. Each circular contains information that could be crucial to you and your business in the years to come. As well as circulars, there are detailed reports and in-depth analysis on Green/White papers, legislative proposals, and amendments, to which CLECAT gives crucial input which could be *your* input on the European Institutions. In addition CLECAT conducts surveys among their membership to examine the application of EU regulations in different EU Member States, and sends voting recommendations to the Parliamentarians of the European Parliament.

A Newsletter every Friday, reaching estimated 19.000 companies in Europe, brings you up to speed on *everything* that comes out of Brussels from the previous week with links to the reports, legislation and organisations involved.

CLECAT is at present also involved with the European Transport Workers Federation in attempting to set up Europe wide training qualification standards in the field of logistics.

In CLECAT's various Institutes policy decisions are made and subsequently pursued by the Secretariat. The stronger the membership of CLECAT, the stronger is its position in dealings with the European Union and its institutions.

But CLECAT is not only responding to upcoming legislation, we also try to stimulate debate or legislative actions, which lie at the heart of our members, for example the ongoing campaign for the European Modular System and the strong views expressed on the Eurovignette directive.

Who is the Secretariat?

Our staff has a fluency in 7 European languages, including mother tongue Dutch/English/French/German/Italian. It consists of logistics practitioners, industry experts, lawyers and social scientists to give a wide spectrum of knowledge and across-the-board approach to tackling the problems or opportunities at hand. Some of us have been involved in Freight Forwarding, logistics and Customs for more than 30 years.



Information on Membership

CLECAT is open for different kinds of membership, based on the status of the applicant.

There are 4 categories of members:

- *Full members* are national organisations of EU Member States
- *Associated members* are national organisations of countries applying for EU membership
- *Observer members* are national organisations of countries which are neither member nor applicant countries.
- *Related members* are bodies, entities, companies, associations or private persons that are related with, or interested in freight-forwarding, Customs, logistics and transport in all modes.

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