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European Association for Forwarding,
Transport, Logistics and Customs Services

PRIORITY LANES FOR EU POLICY



CLECAT is the leading voice of freight forwarding, logistics and customs services at the EU level, representing 25 national associations across Europe



Freight forwarders provide supply chain solutions for their customers, ensuring efficiency, sustainability and trade compliance, using all modes of transport.

Freight forwarders enable trade to buy any product at any time or place, while maintaining cost-effectiveness, ensuring safety and security as well as a healthy environment.

The need to curb carbon emissions from freight transport when the demand is rising requires the most efficient use of multimodal transport solutions. As logistics remains a generator for growth, welfare and employment in the EU, policy-makers should not seek to curb mobility but instead create the necessary conditions to make freight move in the most sustainable way.



We have identified 6 priority lanes for policy-makers:





FOSTER A SINGLE EUROPEAN MARKET FOR TRANSPORT

Shaping a Single European Market for transport that cuts across disparate national rules and allows for efficient and sustainable logistics operations should remain the key objective of Europe's policy-makers. Limiting the free movement of goods and services in the road transport sector in the EU will lead to inefficiencies, more emissions and problems to the EU economy at large. Europe needs a competitive and liberalised land transport market and a Single European Sky.



ENABLE DIGITALISATION OF TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS

Digitalisation in transport and logistics remains a key driver for efficiency, simplification, lower costs and better use of resources. Freight forwarders play a crucial role in the exchange of (digital) information within global supply chains. As such, CLECAT is fully committed to work with policy-makers to ensure that the benefits of 100% digitalisation become a reality for business. At the same time, this requires support for the right skillsets for future employment.



GEAR UP FOR SUSTAINABLE LOGISTICS

Given the increasing urgency to step up decarbonisation efforts in the logistics sector, freight forwarders commit to calculate, report and reduce logistics emissions from freight transportation. This should remain industry-led and part of an integrated approach towards sustainable logistics, which invokes the use of innovative technologies, driver training, alternative fuels and collaboration practices supporting the important targets Europe has on climate change.



PAVE THE WAY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Finding the right balance between protecting the EU economy, society and facilitating legitimate trade is critical to Europe's welfare. Customs and other border procedures are an important success factor for doing international trade. Customs and trade policies should not result in unnecessary burdens to legitimate trade but instead seek to encourage growth of EU trade.



SECURE LOGISTICS SUPPLY CHAINS

Protecting and securing global supply chains and reducing their vulnerability to disruption can be done while guaranteeing the promotion of a timely and efficient flow of legitimate trade. As such, we call for more investments in secure parking areas, a consistent application of security standards and support for cybersecurity measures within robust policies, which take business needs into account.



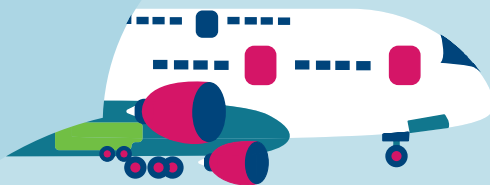
INVEST IN BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE

Europe faces challenges to remain a competitive, mobile and attractive place to operate for business. Moving towards a greener, truly integrated, digital transport system requires investments and funding. Investing in essential infrastructure and missing links is needed to increase connectivity between modes. The core TEN-T Network must be completed by 2030, which requires more than €750 billion.



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