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Air

Aviation emissions: MEPs vote to limit EU ETS to intra-EU flights - On 3 April 2014, MEPs voted to back a deal reached with member states to amend the European Union's Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS), under which flights to and from aerodromes in countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA) will be exempt from the provisions of the EU ETS until 31 December 2016. This derogation will then have to be reviewed in light of the future ICAO agreement applying a single global market-based measure, to be implemented by 2020.

[For more information](#) (see Texts Part I)

Shipping

P3 Agreement Clears FMC Regulatory Review - The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) announced on 20 March that it has concluded an extensive review of the proposed P3 Network Vessel Sharing Agreement, concluding that the agreement is not likely at this time, by a reduction in competition, to produce an unreasonable increase in transportation cost or an unreasonable reduction in transportation service under section 6(g) of the Shipping Act. The FMC's decision will allow the Agreement to become effective as scheduled on 24 March 2014. [For more information](#)

Commission consultation on prolongation of special competition regime for liner shipping consortia – Between 27 February and 31 March 2014, the European Commission invited comments on a proposal to prolong an exemption of liner shipping consortia from the application of EU antitrust rules that prohibit certain agreements between companies. In light of the comments received, the Commission will then adopt a new Regulation before the expiry of the current Regulation in April 2015. [For more information](#)

Rail

European Commission clarifies EU rules for public passenger transport by rail and by road - On 21 March, the European Commission has given guidance on EU rules for public passenger transport services by rail and by road. The rules determine (i) how public authorities across Europe may contract for the provision of public transport services by rail, metro, tram or bus, (ii) how to award these contracts and (iii) how to compensate for public service obligations. [For more information](#) and [the published Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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Other Transport News

Transport infrastructure: the European Commission announces the release of the first €12 billion for projects in the transport sector - The European Commission adopted on 26 March 2014 a decision making the first 12 billion € tranche available for projects of the trans-European transport network. The budget will boost key projects of the nine core network corridors and help advancing transport policy objectives such as the achievement of interoperability, the promotion of inter-modality and the stimulation of innovation. [For more information](#)

Agreement reached on promoting use of alternative fuels on roads and waterways - To boost the take-up of alternative fuels in transport, EU countries will have to ensure that enough refueling and recharging stations are available to enable cars, trucks and ships using alternative fuels, such as natural gas and electricity, to move freely on EU roads and waterways, under an informal agreement reached by Council and Parliament negotiators on 20 March. [For more information](#)

Public consultation on Promoting the development of harmonized carbon footprinting measures for both freight and passenger transport services in Europe - This consultation - that will last until 13 June 2014 - is aimed at mapping the opinions of stakeholders across the EU regarding harmonization of carbon footprinting at the service level. The availability of carbon footprints of transport services that are based on a common methodology and the increased use of carbon footprinting by the industry may improve the greenhouse gas (GHG) performance of the transport sector. In order to contribute to the harmonization of carbon footprinting measurement for both freight and passenger transport services in Europe, the Commission launched a study supporting the assessment of impacts for possible actions to be undertaken at the EU level. [For more information](#)

Update of the Handbook on external costs of transport - This new 2014 Handbook on external costs of transport continues to present the state of the art and best practice on external cost estimation. In comparison to the 2008 Handbook, it takes into account new developments and progress in the following fields: large new databases on noise, accidents and emission factors, new and updated models, updated estimates of important input parameters, research identifying additional health effects case studies and marginal cost calculations. [For more information](#)

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State Aid to Airports and Airlines in the EU - On 20 February 2014, the European Commission published new guidelines on State Aid to airports and airlines, aimed at correcting market failures and avoiding the creation of unprofitable airports and overcapacity, while contributing to the efficient functioning of markets and enhancing competition. [For more information](#)

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Events

Past: Transport Business Summit 2014 on “Transport: Driving Europe’s economy” – Held on 27 March in Brussels, the second Transport Business Summit brought together business leaders and decision-makers to discuss how transport can contribute to Europe’s goals for jobs and growth. Hosted by the European Commission, Vice-President Siim Kallas and the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, the conference featured Mario Monti, former Prime Minister of Italy as the keynote speaker and transport industry panelists.

[For more information](#)

Past: Workshop on Trends and prospects of jobs and working conditions in transport - Launched in 2011 in the framework of the initiatives foreseen in the Commission's 2011 Transport White Paper, the study by DG Mobility and Transport and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, aimed at assessing the labor market situation in the transport sector at the light of the ageing of the working population, will conclude with a workshop with experts from a wide range of stakeholders. The goal of the workshop is to present, discuss and validate the provisional results of the study and especially on possible solutions for the identified problems/risks. The workshop took place on 3 April 2014 in Brussels. [For more information](#)

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