

Open letter to the attention of

To European Commission Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal,  
To the European Commissioner for Transport,  
**Maroš Šefčovič**  
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**Subject: An urgent call for timely publication of the Combined Transport Directive**

Commissioner Valean,

The members of the Platform for electromobility collectively express their sincere concern regarding the delay in the publication of the Combined Transport Directive (CTD), a crucial component of the Greening Freight package. The repeated postponements of its presentation, from early July to late July, and now to October or November, have raised significant concerns within our alliance. Furthermore, the absence of the CTD from the list of upcoming files to be discussed in the College of Commissioners only intensifies our apprehensions.

While we acknowledge the progress made in the publication of other legislations within the package, notably the Weights and Dimension Directive [\[link\]](#), the absence of the CTD threatens the coherence and effectiveness of the entire initiative.

As advocates for the development of a sustainable transportation system and the broader sustainability goals of European transport, we firmly believe that the CTD plays a pivotal role in achieving our shared decarbonization objectives. The promotion of intermodal freight transport is integral to reducing the carbon footprint of the transport sector, and the CTD is instrumental in realizing this vision.

Delaying the publication of the CTD risks creating a fragmented approach to legislation within the Greening Freight package. Each component of this package is interdependent, and a delay in one aspect can disrupt the overall coherence. Without the CTD in place, co-legislators of the European Parliament and Council of the European Union may focus on individual aspects of the package, potentially overlooking critical points related to intermodal transport. This siloed approach could hinder the effectiveness of the package and its ability to address the pressing challenges of decarbonization.

Therefore, we urge you to prioritize the prompt publication of the Combined Transport Directive to ensure that all legislations within the Greening Freight package are treated and swiftly voted by the co-legislators as a unified and coherent package.

We appreciate the European Commission's dedication to advancing sustainable transport solutions, and we believe that timely action on the CTD is a critical step in this journey. We are ready to support your efforts in any way possible and look forward to a swift resolution to this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue. We remain committed to working collaboratively towards a more sustainable and decarbonized European transport sector.

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