

WEEK IN BRUSSELS

Week ending Friday 1 August

EU commercial vehicle registrations increase in June

The EU market for new commercial vehicles expanded again in June, marking a rise for the tenth consecutive month. Demand during the month increased by 10.3%, reaching a total of 166,107 units. There was growth in both the van segment, as well as for buses and coaches, although the truck segment declined. All the major markets expanded, from 3.8% in France to 6.5% in Germany, 8.6% in Italy, 18.9% in Spain and 25.5% in the UK. For the first six months of the year, 912,722 new vehicles were registered, which is 9.3% more than in the same period last year. For the major markets, France remained stable (+0.4%), while Germany expanded by 8.3%, The UK, Italy and Spain all posted double-digit growth with +11.1%, +13.6% and +38.0% respectively.

(Source: ACEA)

<http://www.acea.be/press-releases/article/commercial-vehicle-registrations-9.3-over-first-half-year-10.3-in-june>



EU supports TEN-T infrastructure projects with more than €320 million

In the latest Calls under the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) Programme, the European Commission selected a total of 106 projects that will benefit from over €320 million in EU support for improving transport infrastructure in Europe. The

projects selected will use the EU's financial support to bring forward the completion of the TEN-T network as well as studying innovative ways of reducing the transport sector's carbon footprint. The 2013 Multi-Annual Programme Call provides €230 million of funding to 52 projects, focusing on five modal areas:

- Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)
- Priority Projects (PPS)
- Air Traffic Management (ATM)
- European Rail Traffic Management Systems (ERTMS)
- Motorways of the Sea (MoS)

The 2013 Annual Programme Call gives financing for 54 projects covering different modes of transport, but also focusing on decarbonisation. This Call grants €90.7 million in funding to two main priority areas:

- Priority 1: Studies concerning the acceleration/facilitation of the implementation of the TEN-T projects (27 projects selected, €27.03 million in funding).
- Priority 2: Measures to promote innovation and new technologies for transport infrastructure and facilities contributing to decarbonisation or the reduction of the external costs in general (27 projects selected, €63.66 million in funding).

These last TEN-T selection decisions pave the way for the first Calls for Proposals which will be issued under the transport section of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) in September 2014.

(Source: European Commission)

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-888_en.htm

Polk data shows global new car market up 5.3% in June

Polk has released its latest global new car market data for June 2014. Passenger vehicle sales in June saw an increase of 5.3% from the previous year. For the first six months of the year, new registrations are up by around 2.23 million units over the last year, an increase of 5.9%. For the Asia/Pacific region, growth in June was recorded at 8.4%, and demand in North America also posted a strong growth of 11.1%, giving

a year to date figure of +5.4%. Sales in Western Europe were up 3.0% in June, with a year to date increase of 5.7%, with the Spanish market posting the strongest growth. Sales in Latin America again decreased significantly by 15.2% in June, with the year to date figures also posting a decrease of 6.9%. The Eastern European market also posted a decrease in figures, down 4.4% in June and 5.1% for the year to date. It is expected that global new registrations will set a new record in 2014, growing by 4.0% over 2013 figures.

(Source: SMMT)

<http://www.smmt.co.uk/2014/07/global-new-car-market-5-3-june-according-polk/>



Week ahead

Summer recess has now begun and there is no official Parliamentary activity planned until September.

In addition, no Council Meetings are foreseen until late August.

European electric vehicle sales double in 2013

The number of electric vehicles sold in Europe since they were first marketed in 2010 has doubled annually, according to the electrification section of Transport and Environment's (T&E's) cars and CO₂ report. Provisional sales data for 2013 from the European Environment Agency show that nearly 50,000 plug-in vehicles were sold, representing around 0.4% of all car sales in the EU. The report also highlights the importance of establishing new car emission standards for 2025 and 2030 to ensure investment in low-carbon vehicles technologies is maintained. The report shows that sales of electric cars in Europe represent around a quarter of global sales.

(Source: Transport & Environment)

<http://www.transportenvironment.org/press/cars-and-co2-law-spurs-automotive-innovation-electric-vehicle-sales-double-2013>
