

## NEWS FROM BRUSSELS 5/2021

### **Sustainable advanced biofuels: Technology development report 2020**

This Technology Development Report for 'Sustainable Advanced Biofuels' is an update to the version produced in 2018. Since then, the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) the so-called 'recast' of 2009/28/EC has been published (Directive 2018/2001 or REDII). It contains a 14% target for renewable energy in transport by 2030, an increase from the previous 10% level, with a new advanced biofuels sub-target of 3.5%. In addition, it has been confirmed advanced biofuels will count double towards the target, however biofuels in Annex IX, Part B will be counted only up to 1.7%: <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/358a6c92-6a89-11eb-aeb5-01aa75ed71a1/language-en#>

### **Public Consultation: Trans-European transport network (TEN-T)**

In line with the Action Plan included in the Commission's Communication on the European Green Deal, and the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy, a proposal for a revision of the TEN-T Regulation is planned in 2021. This consultation forms part of the impact assessment that will underpin the legislative proposal for a revised TEN-T Regulation. The objective of this consultation is to ensure that, in addition to the organisations directly involved in the TEN-T policy, other stakeholder groups and the general public are provided with the possibility to express their opinion about the topic: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12532-Revision-of-Regulation-on-Union-guidelines-for-the-development-of-the-trans-European-transport-network-TEN-T/public-consultation>

### **Cybersecurity challenges in the uptake of artificial intelligence in autonomous driving**

A recently published report by the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) looks at cybersecurity risks connected to artificial intelligence (AI) in autonomous vehicles and provides recommendations for mitigating them: [https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC122440/jrc122440\\_enisa\\_jrc\\_fin\\_al.pdf](https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/bitstream/JRC122440/jrc122440_enisa_jrc_fin_al.pdf)

### **Public Consultation: VAT rules for financial and insurance services**

Current VAT rules for financial and insurance services are criticised for being complex, difficult to apply and not having kept pace with the development of new services in the sector. This seems to have led to a lack of VAT neutrality, legal uncertainty for businesses and high administrative and regulatory costs. The initiative addresses these issues by modernising how VAT is applied in this sector: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12671-Review-of-the-VAT-rules-for-financial-and-insurance-services>