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Electric trucks: New study pinpoints precise locations for charging infrastructure across EU

A new study conducted by Fraunhofer ISI on behalf of ACEA indicates key locations for the future deployment of charging points for battery electric trucks. It shows that the truck stop locations are concentrated around highly populated areas in central Europe. They are denser around important industrial areas and major cities, such as Northern Italy, Paris, Greater Manchester, Berlin and Frankfurt and follow main European roads: https://www.isi.fraunhofer.de/content/dam/isi/dokumente/cce/2021/ACEA_truckstop_report_update.pdf

EU budget 2022: Speeding up Europe's recovery

The Commission has proposed an annual EU budget of € 167.8 billion for 2022, to be complemented by an estimated € 143.5 billion in grants under Next Generation EU. The intention is to mobilise significant investments in order to boost the economic recovery, safeguard sustainability and create jobs. It will prioritise green and digital spending in order to make Europe more resilient and fit for the future:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_2878

The European Consumer Organisation: A cleaner, affordable, and convenient automotive market for Europeans

The European Consumer Organisation (BEUC) issued a position paper on curbing CO2 emissions and the future of automotive markets. This paper summarises the BEUC position ahead of the revision of EU Regulation 2019/631 setting CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles. The recommendations presented in this paper build upon the findings of a new Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) study commissioned by BEUC and conducted at EU level and in 9 Member States. The study shows the financial benefits of battery-electric vehicles compared to other powertrains and how an early adoption can maximise savings for consumers while bringing significant environmental benefits:

https://www.beuc.eu/publications/beuc-x-2021-047_putting_our_foot_on_the_electric_pedal.pdf