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ACEA: Publication on fuel types of new cars

In the third quarter of 2021, the market share of electrically-chargeable cars further expanded in the EU at the expense of petrol and diesel vehicles, according to a publication by the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA). Both battery electric cars and plug-in hybrids nearly doubled their share during the three-month period – accounting for 9.8% and 9.1%, respectively, of the market: <https://www.acea.auto/fuel-pc/fuel-types-of-new-cars-battery-electric-9-8-hybrid-20-7-and-petrol-39-5-market-share-in-q3-2021/>

Commission relaunches the review of EU economic governance

The European Commission has adopted a Communication that takes stock of the changed circumstances for economic governance in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis and relaunches the public debate on the review of the EU's economic governance framework. The Communication follows President von der Leyen's commitment in the State of the Union address to build a consensus on the future of the EU's economic governance framework. The Commission had previously suspended this public debate, which was first launched in February 2020, to focus on responding to the economic and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_5321

Cross-industry group of European metals-producing and -using industries warn against impact of Chinese magnesium supply shortage

Among others, ACEA and CLEPA have issued an urgent call for action against the imminent risk of Europe-wide production shutdowns as a consequence of a critical shortage in the supply of magnesium from China. Magnesium is a key alloying material and widely used in the metals-producing industry. According to the associations, without urgent action by the European Union this issue, if not resolved, threatens thousands of businesses across Europe, their entire supply chains and the millions of jobs that rely on them: https://clepa.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021-10-22-Joint-Statement_Magnesium-Supply-Shortage.pdf

Passenger car registrations: +6.6% nine months into 2021; -23.1% in September

In September 2021, European Union passenger car registrations continued their decline according to a recent publication by the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA). Demand in the region shrank by 23.1%, marking the lowest number of registrations for a month of September since 1995. This decrease in sales was largely caused by a lack of supply of vehicles due to the ongoing semiconductor shortage. Last month's weak performance was replicated at a country level, with all major EU markets recording double-digit declines: Italy (-32.7%), Germany (-25.7%), France (-20.5%) and Spain (-15.7%): <https://www.acea.auto/pc-registrations/passenger-car-registrations-6-6-nine-months-into-2021-23-1-in-september/>