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**Analysing the economic competitiveness of truck decarbonization pathways in Europe**

A new ICCT study examines the total cost of ownership (TCO) for various European truck classes. The TCO analysis in the paper covers several HDV segments, including tractor trailers operating in long-haul with gross vehicle weight (GVW) reaching 40 tonnes, rigid trucks operating in regional delivery and urban delivery, and light-duty trucks operating in urban delivery. These HDV segments were chosen to ensure comprehensive coverage of the different HDV applications in Europe while focusing on the segments with the highest sales shares. The TCO includes the costs of truck acquisition, European-average fuel prices, maintenance, and European-average road tolls, taxes, and levies: [ID-55—EU-HDV-TCO-paper-fact-sheet-A4-50145-v2.pdf \(theicct.org\)](#)

**Autumn 2023 Economic Forecast: A modest recovery ahead after a challenging year**

The European economy has lost momentum this year against the background of a high cost of living, weak external demand and monetary tightening. While economic activity is expected to gradually recover going forward, the European Commission's Autumn Forecast revises EU GDP growth down compared to its summer projections. Inflation is estimated to have dropped to a two-year low in the euro area in October and is set to continue declining over the forecast horizon: [Autumn 2023 Economic Forecast \(europa.eu\)](#)

**EUROPE 2030: A digital powerhouse**

This recently published paper by DIGITALEUROPE presents 20 solutions to boost European tech leadership and resilience. DIGITALEUROPE wants Europe in 2030 to be a Digital Powerhouse, leading on innovation in an inclusive and secure digital democracy, supported by a highly skilled population and strong European business: [DIGITALEUROPE-EUROPE-2030-A-DIGITAL-POWERHOUSE.pdf](#)