

Sustainable Transport and Trade Matchmaking Platform



Green Transport & Sustainable Logistics in the EaP Region

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Dear colleagues,

This is the second edition of the STaTM Digest, published regularly on the STaTM Platform. Each issue highlights key developments in transport, logistics, trade facilitation, and digital and green transformation across the Eastern Partnership region.

This edition focuses on green transport and sustainable logistics developments in the EaP region, with particular attention to:

- EU emissions-related regulations and their impact on exporters
- Incentives and pilot initiatives in green logistics and e-mobility
- Azerbaijan’s role in greener Middle Corridor transit
- A case study from Ukraine on sustainable packaging and logistics optimization

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NEWS | Ukraine

Greener Standards & Financing

Biofuel blending mandate introduced

Ukraine introduced a national blending mandate requiring the use of liquid biofuels in transport starting in 2025. The measure supports transport decarbonisation and aligns Ukraine's energy and climate policy framework more closely with EU standards.

Links: <https://ua-energy.org/en/posts/19-06-2025-4ce0776c-a9dc-4171-9f40-294cb87f190>



EIB Financing Supporting Transport Modernisation

The European Investment Bank expanded financing for Ukraine in 2025, including components supporting transport infrastructure resilience and modernisation. Investment in rail, energy efficiency, and infrastructure upgrades contributes to long-term sustainability goals and supports lower-emission freight and logistics systems. Such financing is particularly relevant for companies operating in rail freight, infrastructure services, and logistics corridors.

Link: <https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2025-282-eu-expands-support-for-ukraine-with-new-financing-of-almost-eur600-million-for-energy-transport-and-business-resilience>



NEWS | Moldova

E-Mobility & Energy Transition

Moldova advances national E-Mobility Strategy

Moldova launched consultations on a National E-Mobility Strategy aimed at electrifying transport and supporting climate neutrality objectives. The strategy is relevant for fleet operators, charging infrastructure providers, and logistics hubs.

Link: <https://www.moldpres.md/eng/economy/moldova-to-develop-e-mobility-national-strategy-climate-neutrality-with-emphasis-of-transport-sector-s-electrification>



Energy Cost Compensation Mechanism — Impact on Electrified Logistics

Moldova introduced compensation mechanisms for businesses facing electricity cost pressures. While primarily an economic support measure, it is particularly relevant for companies operating energy-intensive logistics infrastructure, including electrified warehouses, cold chain facilities, and emerging EV charging operations. Stable electricity pricing is an important enabling factor for scaling e-mobility and electrified logistics solutions.

Link: <https://mded.gov.md/domenii/compensatii-pentru-agentii-economici/>



NEWS | Georgia

Rail Modernisation & Circular Economy

Railway modernisation as strategic transport priority

Georgia's Ministry of Economy highlighted completion of the Georgian Railway modernisation project as a key transport milestone, strengthening rail's role in regional freight and supporting modal shift toward lower-emission transport.

Link:

<https://www.economy.ge/?lang=en&nw=2959&page=news>



Circular Economy Roadmap. Implications for Logistics & Packaging

Georgia's Circular Economy Roadmap outlines national priorities for sustainable materials management and waste reduction. The document is relevant for logistics operators and exporters working with packaging, reverse logistics, and supply chain optimisation. Circularity measures can directly reduce transport-related emissions through lighter packaging, reduced waste streams, and improved resource efficiency.

Link: <https://elibrary.mepa.gov.ge/Ge/Files/ViewFile/7161>



NEWS | Armenia Electrification & Sustainable Growth

Electric bus procurement in Yerevan

Yerevan City Hall announced plans to purchase 250 electric buses, supporting emissions reduction and modernization of urban transport infrastructure.

Link: <https://armenpress.am/en/article/1230798>



Armenia's Export Promotion Strategy (2025–2030) — Sustainability Dimension

Armenia adopted its 2025–2030 export promotion strategy, which includes measures aimed at strengthening competitiveness in external markets. The strategy is particularly relevant for exporters adapting to EU sustainability requirements, including greener supply chains, environmental standards, and logistics compliance expectations.

For Armenian SMEs, this creates a framework for aligning export logistics with sustainability criteria increasingly required by EU partners.

Link: <https://www.gov.am/en/news/item/10677/>

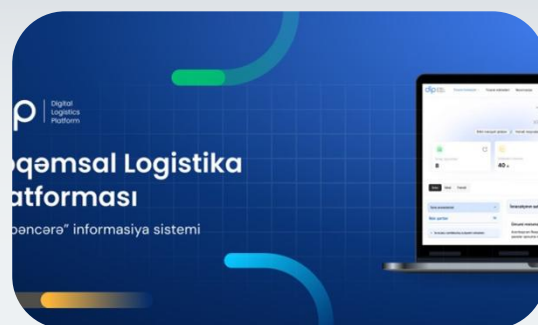


NEWS | Azerbaijan Digitalisation & Greener Transit

Digital Logistics Platform (DLP)

The Ministry of Digital Development and Transport of Azerbaijan announced the launch of a Digital Logistics Platform to streamline cargo operations and improve efficiency across transit corridors, including the Middle Corridor.

Link: <https://mincom.gov.az/en/media-en/news/azerbaijan-to-launch-digital-logistics-platform>



Railway decarbonisation project (ADB)

The Asian Development Bank outlined support for the decarbonisation of Azerbaijan Railways, contributing to improved environmental performance of freight transport.

Link: <https://www.adb.org/projects/58545-001/main>



International Financial Institutions Continue Financing Green Transport Projects in the Region

International Financial Institutions (IFIs), including the European Investment Bank (EIB), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), continue to finance sustainable transport, rail modernisation, urban electrification, and logistics digitalisation projects across Eastern Partnership countries.

While most IFI programmes are implemented through governments and large infrastructure operators, related procurement and subcontracting opportunities may arise for private companies involved in transport, construction, engineering, digital solutions, and logistics services.

Links:

European Investment Bank (EIB): <https://www.eib.org>

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD):

<https://www.ebrd.com>

Asian Development Bank (ADB): <https://www.adb.org>



CASE STUDY



Ukrainian Business

Adopting Sustainable Packaging & Logistics



Ukrainian green-tech company S.Lab offers a practical example of how sustainable packaging can contribute not only to environmental goals, but also to more efficient logistics and supply-chain operations. In 2025, the company secured £250,000 from Morgan Stanley's Inclusive & Sustainable Ventures programme to scale its biodegradable packaging technology and expand its market presence.

S.Lab develops plant-based, biodegradable packaging designed to replace conventional foam-based materials. According to public reports, its products can be used for cosmetic cushioning inserts, electronics trays, decorative goods packaging, and thermal boxes, making the solution relevant for multiple export-oriented sectors.

What makes this case particularly relevant for the current digest is the link between sustainable packaging and logistics performance. The company is developing modular production solutions, including mini-factory/container-factory models, which can be placed closer to customers. This approach helps reduce packaging transport distances, lower logistics costs, and cut emissions associated with moving bulky packaging materials across borders.

For SMEs, the case demonstrates that sustainable logistics is not limited to vehicle electrification or alternative fuels. It can also include lighter, biodegradable packaging, shorter supply routes, and decentralised production models that reduce the environmental footprint of trade. In practical terms, this means companies can improve sustainability performance while also increasing operational efficiency and responding to stricter expectations from EU buyers regarding packaging and supply-chain practices.

The S.Lab example is especially relevant for exporters working with EU markets, where sustainability requirements are becoming more important across product life cycles, including packaging, transport efficiency, and waste reduction. It shows how an innovation originating in Ukraine can support both green transition goals and commercial competitiveness in international trade.

Link: <https://techukraine.org/2025/09/19/ukrainian-green-tech-startup-s-lab-secures-250000-from-morgan-stanley-to-revolutionize-packaging/>

EU Regulations & Green Logistics Context

The European Union continues to introduce and implement new and updated regulatory measures affecting transport decarbonisation, emissions reporting, alternative fuels infrastructure, and maritime sustainability. These rules are particularly relevant for exporters, logistics operators, fleet owners, and manufacturers supplying the EU market, as they increasingly influence transport planning, compliance requirements, operating costs, and sustainability expectations across supply chains. In 2025–2026, several important developments include updated CO₂ rules for heavy-duty vehicles, the transition of CBAM to its definitive regime, implementation guidance under FuelEU Maritime, and new interoperability rules for alternative fuels infrastructure.

EU CO₂ Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles

Updated EU CO₂ standards for trucks and buses directly affect fleet renewal strategies and supply chains serving the EU market.

Link: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/258/oj/eng>

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

From 2026, the CBAM enters its definitive phase. Exporters connected to EU supply chains should prepare for carbon reporting and compliance requirements.

Link: https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism_en

FuelEU Maritime

New rules on greenhouse gas intensity for maritime transport affect shipping companies operating in EU waters and exporters using sea routes.

Link: https://transport.ec.europa.eu/document/download/d4426ccc-ef46-4292-8b6d-5bf7a620f5ba_en

Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR)

EU measures enhance interoperability and transparency of alternative fuels infrastructure data, supporting planning for electric and hydrogen-powered logistics fleets.

Link: https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/commission-enhances-interoperability-and-transparency-alternative-fuels-infrastructure-data-2025-04-11_en

Sources for Monitoring Green Logistics & Transport Opportunities

This section provides reliable platforms where SMEs can monitor regulatory changes, funding instruments, green transition incentives, and infrastructure developments affecting transport and logistics in the EU and Eastern Partnership region.

European Commission. Transport & Climate Policy

SMEs exporting to the EU or operating in EU-linked supply chains should regularly monitor EU climate and transport policy pages. These platforms provide updates on emissions standards, carbon reporting requirements, alternative fuels infrastructure, and maritime decarbonisation — all of which may influence logistics contracts, fleet renewal decisions, and compliance obligations.

Why SMEs should monitor this:

- anticipate compliance costs
- adjust export pricing strategies
- prepare emissions data and documentation
- understand future green requirements in logistics contracts

Transport decarbonisation overview: https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/transport-decarbonisation_en

Heavy-duty vehicle CO₂ standards: https://climate.ec.europa.eu/eu-action/transport-decarbonisation/road-transport_en

FuelEU Maritime: https://transport.ec.europa.eu/transport-modes/maritime/decarbonising-maritime-transport-fueleu-maritime_en

Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM): https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/carbon-border-adjustment-mechanism_en

STaTM Platform

The STaTM Platform consolidates regional updates, partnership opportunities, events, and sectoral insights related to sustainable transport and trade in the Eastern Partnership region.

Why useful:

- curated information focused on EaP–EU cooperation
- green logistics and digital transport updates
- matchmaking and networking opportunities
- access to thematic digests and event calendars

STaTM Platform: <https://www.b2match.com/e/statmp>

Sources for Monitoring Green Logistics & Transport Opportunities

National Ministries (EaP Countries)

National portals provide information on local electrification programs, infrastructure projects, consultations, and pilot initiatives that may create opportunities for logistics operators, infrastructure providers, and exporters.

Why SMEs should monitor this:

- track national electrification and rail modernization projects
- identify public consultations and pilot schemes
- monitor regulatory changes impacting transport and logistics

Ukraine.
Ministry for Development of Communities and Territories: <https://mtu.gov.ua>

Moldova.
Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization: <https://mded.gov.md>

Georgia.
Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development: <https://www.economy.ge>

Armenia.
Ministry of Economy: <https://mineconomy.am>

Azerbaijan.
Ministry of Digital Development and Transport: <https://mincom.gov.az>

Public Procurement & Tender Portals

SMEs seeking opportunities in green transport, sustainable logistics, infrastructure modernisation, electrification, and digitalisation should primarily monitor national and EU public procurement platforms. These portals publish open tenders where SMEs can participate directly or as subcontractors in transport, energy, and logistics-related projects.

EU-wide procurement (Tenders Electronic Daily — TED): <https://ted.europa.eu/>

Ukraine (Prozorro): <https://prozorro.gov.ua/>

Moldova (MTender): <https://mtender.gov.md/>

Georgia (State Procurement Agency): <https://tenders.procurement.gov.ge/>

Armenia (ARMEPS): <https://armeps.am/>

Azerbaijan (e-Tender portal): <https://www.azerbajiantenders.com/>

OPPORTUNITIES. PROJECTS/INITIATIVES

Ukraine Energy Support Fund (UESF)

Donor/Provider: Multi-donor fund managed by the Energy Community Secretariat (contributors include governments, international organisations and corporate donors).

Amount: Total pledge reported at EUR 405 million (aggregated donor pledges).

Description: The fund supports urgent needs of Ukrainian energy companies (equipment, spare parts, fuels, services) to restore and maintain energy supply. This directly enables electrified logistics operations (warehouses, cold chain, charging, digital logistics) by supporting energy system resilience.

Who can apply: Vendors/suppliers who can participate in UESF procurement opportunities via the dedicated procurement platform (registration required).

Link: <https://www.energy-community.org/Ukraine/Fund/overview.html>

Link: <https://uesf.fund/>

Large-scale demonstration of Heavy-Duty Battery Electric Vehicles (HD BEV) towards long-haul logistics operations

Donor/Provider: Horizon Europe (2Zero Partnership / European Commission)

Amount: Not stated; budget depends on the topic conditions in the EU Funding & Tenders Portal.

Description: Horizon Europe topic focused on large-scale demonstration of heavy-duty battery electric vehicles for long-haul logistics operations (directly relevant for green freight and fleet decarbonisation).

Who can apply: Consortia eligible under Horizon Europe rules (typically industry + research/other partners; SMEs can participate as partners).

Deadline: 14 April 2026 (call opens 18 December 2025).

Link: <https://www.2zeroemission.eu/funding/calls-for-proposals/>

Energy-efficient software-defined EVs

Donor/Provider: Horizon Europe (2Zero Partnership / European Commission)

Amount: Per topic conditions on EU Funding & Tenders Portal.

Description: Topic focused on energy-efficient EV software-defined approaches

Who can apply: Horizon Europe eligible consortia (SMEs can join).

Deadline: 14 April 2026 (opens 18 December 2025).

Link: <https://www.2zeroemission.eu/funding/calls-for-proposals/>

OPPORTUNITIES. PROJECTS/INITIATIVES

Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) — sustainable connectivity framework (incl. extension to neighbouring partners)

Donor/Provider: European Union (EU transport policy framework; implementation via EU programmes and national/international project financing).

Amount: Not a single grant/amount (policy framework; funding depends on specific EU calls/instruments and individual projects).

Description: The EU TEN-T framework aims to ensure sustainable connectivity and sets corridor priorities and standards. For Ukraine (and the region), this matters for greener logistics through corridor upgrades, improved multimodal connections, reduced delays, and better integration with EU routes (supporting efficiency and potentially lower emissions per shipment).

Who can apply: Not applicable as a single “application” (SMEs can participate via project procurement, subcontracting, and EU programme calls when specific tenders/calls are published under relevant instruments).

Deadline: Not applicable (depends on each call/tender/project).

Link: https://commission.europa.eu/topics/eu-solidarity-ukraine/eu-assistance-ukraine/support-ukraines-resilience_en

Renewable Energy Solutions Programme (RES Programme)

Donor/Provider: Funded by the German Federal Government via the International Climate Initiative (IKI); set up as a grant agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the European Investment Bank (EIB).

Amount: EUR 16.5 million (UNDP press release on financing agreement / programme launch).

Description: The programme supports integrating renewable energy solutions (e.g., solar, biomass solutions, geothermal heat pumps, battery storage) into public infrastructure and energy-efficient buildings, strengthening energy sustainability and resilience—an enabling condition for greener logistics systems (charging, cold chain reliability, lower operational footprint).

Who can apply: The programme is aimed at small and medium-sized public institutions (applications routed via Ukraine’s Ministry of Finance, per programme description).

Deadline: Depends on calls/implementation phases and application windows announced by implementing bodies).

Link: <https://iki-ukraine.org/project/renewable-energy-solutions-programme-res-programme/>

Link: <https://www.undp.org/ukraine/press-releases/development-ministry-undp-ukraine-sign-eur-165m-deal-renewable-energy-social-sector-buildings>

OPPORTUNITIES. PROJECTS/INITIATIVES

Green Industrial Recovery Programme for Ukraine 2024–2028

Donor/Provider: United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and partners.

Amount: Not specified as a single grant amount.

Description: The programme supports Ukraine's green industrial recovery through industrial modernisation, sustainable production, investment attraction, and green transition measures. It is relevant for companies seeking to align business development with energy efficiency, cleaner production, and sustainable recovery priorities.

Who can apply: Businesses, industry stakeholders, and implementation partners may benefit depending on specific programme components and calls.

Deadline: Not specified as a single date (depends on programme windows and implementation stages).

Link: <https://www.unido.org/sub-sites/green-industrial-recovery-vision-ukraine/ukraine-industrial-recovery-programme-ukraine-2024-2028>

Support for Ukrainian MSMEs

Donor/Provider: EU4Business.

Amount: Not specified as a single grant amount.

Description: EU support for Ukrainian micro, small and medium-sized enterprises aimed at improving access to finance, strengthening resilience, and supporting business continuity and development. While broader than the specific green transport theme, the initiative may be relevant for SMEs investing in modernisation, export readiness, and more sustainable operations.

Who can apply: Ukrainian micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, depending on the specific support instrument or programme window.

Deadline: Not specified as a single date (depends on individual programme instruments and partner implementation).

Link: <https://eu4business.org.ua/en/projects/eu-support-for-ukrainian-msmes/>

For more opportunities for businesses from the Eastern Partnership countries and up-to-date information add the following sources/links to Your monitoring list:

Transport Community — News & Opportunities

<https://www.transport-community.org/news/>

EU Funding & Calls Portal

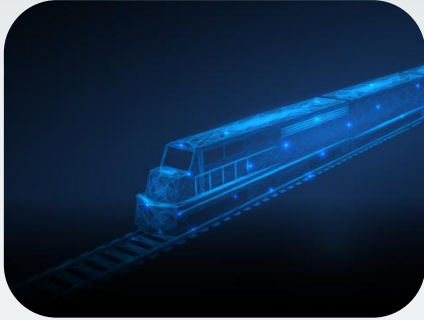
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Funding Market (EU grants tracker)

<https://grant.market/>

EVENTS

European Rolling Stock Summit 2026 (ERS Summit)



Dates: 24–26 March 2026

Location: Stuttgart, Germany

Description: Major European trade show for intralogistics and process management (warehouse automation, supply chain optimisation, materials handling), with many solutions directly supporting efficiency and lower emissions in logistics.

Audience: Logistics operators, supply chain SMEs, warehouse tech providers

Link: <https://www.logimat-messe.de/en/>

LogiMAT 2026



Dates: 16–17 March 2026

Location: Warsaw, Poland

Description: Industry conference on rolling stock development and maintenance, digitalisation, innovation, and interoperability—relevant for rail freight modernization and greener rail logistics.

Audience: Rail operators, rolling stock manufacturers, ECMs, suppliers, transport innovators

Link: <https://ers-summit.com/>

SITL Europe 2026



Dates: 31 March – 2 April 2026

Location: Paris, France

Description: International transport and logistics event focused on supply chain innovation, mobility solutions, and operational efficiency (often including sustainability and decarbonisation tracks).

Audience: Transport & logistics SMEs, forwarders, carriers, exporters

Link: <https://www.sitl.eu/en-gb/discoverhitl.html>

EVENTS

EU-Ukraine Business Summit 2026 – ON THE ROAD TO URC



Dates: 22–23 April 2026

Location: Autoworld, Brussels

Description: The EU-Ukraine Business Summit serves as the official preparatory event to the Ukraine Recovery Conference 2026 in the business dimension. Key topics will include supporting Ukraine's defence and European strategic industries, critical raw materials, leveraging public-private partnerships and public tenders for EU investors, business environment reforms and investment support instruments, support for SMEs, investments into the energy sector, private equity, cross-border logistics and more.

Audience: Policymakers, businesses and financial institutions

Link: <https://ebsummits.eu/our-summits/eu-ukraine/>

EU SME Week 2026



Dates: TBA (May 2026 expected)

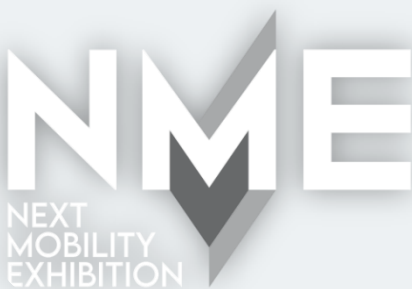
Location: EU-wide (Brussels & online + local events)

Description: Pan-European SME week with sessions and side events on innovation, competitiveness, digitalisation, and policy tools—useful for SMEs looking for EU support instruments relevant to green/digital transition.

Audience: SMEs of all sectors

Link: https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/growing-and-scaling-sme/european-sme-week_en

Next Mobility Exhibition (NME) 2026



Dates: 13–16 May 2026

Location: Fiera Milano (Rho), Milan, Italy

Description: International platform dedicated to sustainable mobility (electric mobility, charging infrastructure, smart systems, green technologies) with strong relevance for greener transport and fleet solutions.

Audience: Mobility manufacturers, transport tech SMEs, innovation stakeholders

Link: <https://www.nextmobilityexhibition.com/en/>

EVENTS

TOC Europe 2026



Dates: 19–21 May 2026

Location: Hamburg, Germany

Description: Leading European forum for port and container logistics, including terminal efficiency, automation, and digital solutions that reduce emissions per shipment through operational optimisation.

Audience: Port logistics SMEs, terminal operators, freight tech companies

Link: <https://www.tocevents-europe.com/en/home.html>

Baku Energy Week 2026 (incl. Caspian Clean Energy Exhibition)



Dates: 1–3 June 2026

Location: Baku, Azerbaijan

Description: Major regional platform covering energy transition and clean energy solutions (incl. technologies and infrastructure relevant to alternative fuels, electrification and decarbonisation pathways that affect transport/logistics).

Audience: SMEs and solution providers in clean energy, infrastructure, transport-energy interface

Link: <https://bew.az/>

Black Sea Ports & Logistics 2026



Dates: 9–11 June 2026

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Istanbul — Piyalepasa, Istanbul, Türkiye

Description: International exhibition and conference for Black Sea port and logistics stakeholders; typically covers efficiency, infrastructure, digitalisation and operational improvements supporting lower emissions per shipment.

Audience: Port and logistics SMEs, transport operators, technology vendors

Link: <https://www.transportevents.com/product/black-sea-ports-and-logistics-2026-istanbul/>

EVENTS

European Transport Conference 2026



Dates: 9–11 September 2026

Location: Faculty of Engineering,
University of Porto, Porto, Portugal

Description: Annual conference bringing together transport policy makers, practitioners and researchers; useful for evidence and best practices on sustainable mobility, freight policy, and decarbonisation measures.

Audience: Policy makers, practitioners, researchers, transport-innovation SMEs

Link: <https://aetransport.org/etc>

InnoTrans 2026



Dates: 22–25 September 2026

Location: Messe Berlin, Berlin, Germany

Description: World-leading trade fair for transport technology and infrastructure (strong rail focus), including innovations supporting greener transport systems and fleet modernisation.

Audience: Transport tech providers, rail and infrastructure SMEs

Link: <https://www.innotrans.de/en/>

InSKLAD Expo 2026



Dates: 28–30 October 2026

Location: International Exhibition Centre (IEC),
Kyiv, Ukraine

Description: Exhibition on warehouse and intralogistics technologies (automation, robotics, software, packaging, logistics infrastructure), supporting efficiency and sustainability improvements in warehousing and supply chains.

Audience: Intralogistics SMEs, warehouse operators, tech vendors

Link: <https://insklad.com.ua/>