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## Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

**COM (2010) 65 - amending Directive 2009/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea**

The purpose of this proposal is to amend Directive 2009/42/EC in order to make the collection of data by type of goods mandatory for maritime transport statistics.

The collection of data by type of goods is mandatory for road, rail, and inland waterways transport European statistics.

European statistics on all modes of transport should be collected according to common concepts and standards, with the aim of achieving the fullest practicable comparability between transport modes. More particularly, the availability of comprehensive and homogeneous statistics by type of goods for all the modes of transport would provide a general framework useful to support and monitor the policy promoting co-modality, i.e. the possibility of optimally combining various modes of transport within the same transport chain, and the modernisation of freight transport logistics.

Find the full proposal here:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2010:0065:FIN:EN:PDF>

## Consultation on universal service principles in e-communications

This consultation is part of the European Commission's follow-up to its Declaration on universal service to the European Parliament in the context of the negotiation of the '[Telecom Package](#)' in 2009 and the second periodic review of the scope of universal service in 2008 (COM(2008) 572).

The aim is to facilitate an open-ended and wide ranging public debate relating to the place of universal service provision in electronic communications in a competitive and rapidly-evolving digital environment. The consultation is facilitated by a questionnaire which sets out the key areas for discussion.

Find the consultation document here:

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/policy/ecomm/library/public\\_consult/universal\\_service\\_2010/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/policy/ecomm/library/public_consult/universal_service_2010/index_en.htm)



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## An integrated and competitive electricity market: a stepping stone to a sustainable future

**SPEECH by the** EU Commissioner for Energy at the Eurelectric Conference: "Building a secure and sustainable future: how can market integration contribute"

EU Commissioner Günther Oettinger is convinced that market integration is the only way that overarching policy objectives can be reached. He highlighted that "We will never be able to deliver our ambitious energy efficiency or greenhouse gas emission targets without fully utilising the opportunities that large and integrated markets offer." He also said that, "Equally, we would not be able to reap the full benefits of liberalised markets, if competition was only to happen within national borders."

The commissioner continued by saying also that, "However, market integration can only be brought about, if our markets are properly interconnected and market participants can access them without obstacles. We are not there yet. Our electricity highway is plagued by persistent bottlenecks and the congestions are not optimally dealt with."

The Full speech can be found at:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/10/102&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

## Safer flying

As a mode of transport, flying is one of the safest. To make it even safer, any accident must be investigated thoroughly and independently. New EU rules for the investigation of civil aviation accidents were approved by transport ministers meeting at the Council on 11 March.

Find the full article at:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/showFocus.aspx?id=1&focusId=451&lang=EN>