



# EUROPEAN SHIPPERS' COUNCIL

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The biggest supply chain project ever funded by the European Commission comes to a close soon. With a budget of 50 million Euro, 70 partners coming from Europe and the USA and representing policymakers, law enforcers, researchers, logistics service providers, and, last by not least, shippers worked on making Secured Trusted Trade Lanes a reality!

**With over 150 participants, the European Shippers' Council and CLECAT organised a successful final CORE event in Brussels on 11 April 2018.**

**The CORE policy recommendations to the European Commission are as follows:**

1. As data pipelines come on stream, it is crucial to ensure that customs be made aware and educated of the enormous advantages that they can have if they have access to the pipelines and it is similarly essential that customs equip themselves with the appropriate access tools.
2. Digitization is a key enabler. It could (and therefore should) be also extended to all documents that are still required in paper form.
3. The EC puts all its efforts into making sure that International Transport Conventions are harmonized urgently, as currently they are a barrier to trade and a hindrance to the seamless flow of goods.
4. The EC should endeavour to create the necessary Government to Government channels and use them effectively to expedite trade for the benefit of the whole European industry.

During the interactive feedback & discussion session, the European Commission representative of DG TAXUD, stated that the CORE project has brought valuable insight and that EC is looking forward to an elaborated evaluation and discussion on the final CORE policy recommendations.





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**European Shippers' Council** was founded in 1963 to represent the logistic interests of manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers, collectively referred to as shippers, in all modes of transport. ESC Members are national shippers' councils, key European commodity trade associations, and corporate members. Thus, European Shippers' Council represents the freight transport interests of some 100,000 companies.

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