

Dear Member,

As we announced yesterday, the Commission issued [practical advice](#) on how to implement its Guidelines for border management, in order to keep freight moving across the EU during the current pandemic. The aim is to ensure that goods cross the border in under 15 minutes, that lanes are opened for transport of all goods, that national government restrictions on transport be suspended, and that administrative procedures are reduced for transport workers of all nationalities.

Three objectives are in focus; 1) green lane border crossings, 2) enhanced cooperation among EU Member States, and 3) application of rules for transport workers. The release includes a full list of recommendations to protect drivers from the coronavirus (Annex 2). Further follows information concerning internationally recognized **certificates of professional competences**, that the Commission argues should be considered sufficient to prove that a worker is active in international transport. In the absence of such certificates (not all international drivers have one), a letter signed by the employer (Annex 3) should be accepted.

Also of interest to note is that the without prejudice to specific controls on goods or transport workers inherently and habitually linked to crossing external borders of the single market, the customs union or the Schengen area, respectively, Member States should apply to the greatest extent possible at such external borders the implementation guidance set out in this Communication.

The CEF coalition, the coalition of stakeholders working together on more funding for EU transport, issued today a statement which you will find here with the following statement CLECAT additional [press statement](#):

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Attachments

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- [2020-03-23-Communication-Green-Lanes_En.pdf](#)
 - [Joint Statement Covid Final.pdf](#)

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