### MAIN FINDINGS FROM THE USERS PERSPECTIVE

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## **CHALLENGES FOR ROAD TRANSPORT**

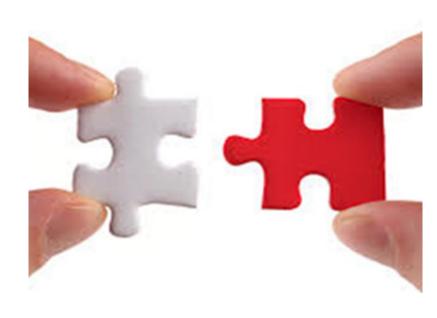
- Freight forwarders rely on efficient and reliable road freight transport operations
- Road transport initial and final stage of freight transport
- All transport modes & infrastructure is needed to facilitate future growth: co-modality
- Need for more competition, innovation and service quality in all modes
- Driver shortage, ageing society, more complex operations





### **ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF A SINGLE** MARKET IN ROAD TRANSPORT

- The base-line should be the creation of a Single European Transport Area that will bring substantial benefit to Member States in terms of market efficiency
- To improve the overall efficiency and quality of road freight services without adding to the burden of bureaucracy



# MARKET FINDINGS DISCUSSED AT THE WORKSHOP

- No evidence of systematic infringements
- Compliance with cabotage provisions quite high
- Overall still relatively low cabotage performance
- But ineffective and inconsistent enforcement due to:
  - Vague and unenforceable provisions
  - Different interpretations of ambiguous concepts

### NATIONAL MEASURES BREAKING INTERNAL MARKET

- Different/stricter interpretation of EU regulation driving/rest times
- Minimum wages in Germany, Norway and France for cabotage and international transport
- (too) strict interpretation of cabotage rules for protectionist reasons
- Leads to fragmentation, bureaucracy, costs.. instrument to break the internal market

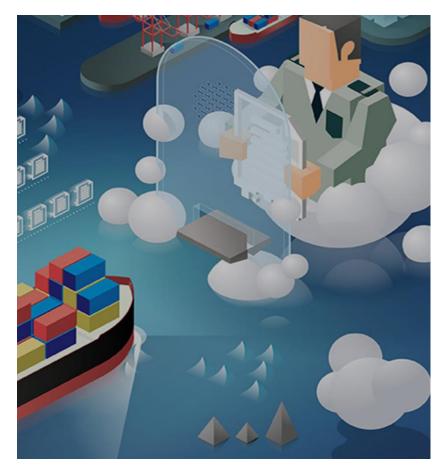


## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Clarify rules and simplify rules on cabotage with ultimate aim to have a better functioning internal market
  - Reduce restrictions on cabotage
  - start of cabotage operation at the border
- Reinforced cooperation between Member States
- Improved enforcement
- Enhanced coherence
  - Cabotage v combined transport
- Interoperable electronic tolling / Fair charging of road infrastructure

## TIME TO MOVE FORWARD

- Share and report real-time supply chain information for increased efficiency – early planning
- Digitalisation and innovation
- Investment in good infrastructure (hinterland) connections
- Move to distance based tolls across the EU with less costly and interoperable tolling systems
- Collaboration bundle volumes opportunities for intermodal transport







## **THANK YOU!**