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to the Commission**

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Subject: Greenhouse gas emissions and increased transport demand in the European Union

According to the European Environment Agency, greenhouse gas emissions from heavy-duty vehicles (especially lorries) have risen in the European Union almost every year since 2014, mainly because of the growing demand for freight transport¹.

At the same time, the EU continues to strive for climate neutrality by 2050. The European Green Deal aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transport by 90% compared to 1990 levels.

Although the EU is promoting electric motors as a means of reducing emissions from light vehicles, their use in heavy-duty vehicles is still much disputed among professionals and industry.

1. What are the factors behind this increased transport demand, despite the European economy having suffered several shocks since 2014?
2. Are there plans to revise the objectives of the European Green Deal, in particular with regard to the motorisation of heavy-duty vehicles, to respond to this increase in transport demand?

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¹ <https://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/europes-growing-transport-demand-increases>