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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on Freight transport logistics in Europe - the key to sustainable mobility  
(2006/2228(INI))

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Believes that action at EU level should:

- (a) focus on measures that are clearly within the competence of the EU Institutions and are not issues for subsidiarity or mainly a task for industrial operators themselves,
- (b) give priority to supporting transport logistics, where this corresponds to the 'White Paper on transport policy up to 2010' and its mid-term review, and more particularly to making transport systems more sustainable in economic terms, in terms of meeting social standards, and in terms of their consequences on the global and local environment,
- (c) make logistics in the new Member States and software and hardware rail and waterborne connections to neighbouring countries a central part of a sustainable European transport and industry policy;
- (d) consider the progressive internalisation of external social and environmental costs in the transport sector as an opportunity to boost transport logistics, which should lead to better use of road and rail infrastructure, as the example of good practise in Switzerland (Leistungsabhängige Schwerverkehrsabgabe - LSVA) shows,
- (e) draw attention to the major gains, in terms of economic efficiency and environmental protection, to be achieved by streamlining logistical processes,
- (f) pay attention to ensuring greater efficiency in, and better use and higher occupancy/use rates of existing vehicle fleets and existing infrastructure and to ensuring that the role and potential of SMEs are maximised in EU programmes, such as Marco Polo and the 'Intermodal Loading Units (ILU)' initiative,
- (g) integrate the conventional systems for information exchange between transport industry sectors into common standards in order to ensure that logistics become more efficient,
- (h) draw attention to the impact that intelligent transport system access costs have on SMEs,
- (i) concentrate, against the background of a denser network of intermodal connections and nodes, on logistical tools that contribute to a modal shift towards rail and waterborne transport, thus reducing the transport sector's dependency on oil and its impact on the environment.

## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	Freight transport logistics in Europe - the key to sustainable mobility
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<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Alexander Alvaro, Konstantin Dimitrov, Avril Doyle, Matthias Groote, Satu Hassi, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Esko Seppänen, Hannes Swoboda
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote</b>	
<b>Comments (available in one language only)</b>	