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## Press release

### Road transport capacity in Europe falls significantly while prices are rising due to Brexit

#### General development

- Compared to the previous month, road transport capacity fell significantly by -16.4% in December 2020. The European spot market availability index now stands at 85.9 points.
- Currently, there is significantly less road transport capacity available on the market than a year before. The capacity index fell by -16% compared to December 2019.
- Transport prices increased by +3.9% between November and December 2020. Compared to December 2019, prices went down by -2,7%.

#### Brexit impact

- Significantly falling capacity and rising prices can especially be observed on the corridor between France and the UK, which is impacted by Brexit. Road transport capacity from France to the UK reached a two-year-low at 58.8 index points. This corresponds to a huge decrease of -39.4% compared to the previous month. Prices went up strongly (+34.8%) during the same period, peaking at 154.3 index points, a two-year-high. Compared to December 2019, transport capacity fell by -22.1% while prices soared +51%.
- Transport capacity and prices for goods shipped from Germany to the UK showed a similar development. Transport capacity decreased by -29.7% between November and December 2020, reaching a two-year-low of 85.3 index points. At the same time, prices rose sharply by +41.2%, reaching a two-year-high of 153.9 index points.

#### Industry focus

- In the European automotive sector, road transport capacity went down by -17.9% in December 2020 compared to November 2020, falling to a two-year low of 72.3 index points. Prices have continued to follow their positive trend since May

2020 peaking at a two-year high of 105.6 index points for the automotive branch. This corresponds to an increase of +1.8% in December 2020 compared to the month before.

- In the chemicals and life sciences sector, the road transport capacity index fell strongly by -14.6% to 96.2 points in December 2020 compared to the previous month. Prices have jumped by +13.5% during the same period in the industry.
- Transport capacities in the steel sector went down significantly by -22.5% between November and December 2020. At the same time, prices reached a two-year high of 111.2 points. Since May 2020, a stable trend of steadily rising transport prices can be observed in the steel sector. From November to December 2020 alone, prices have sharply risen by +8.7%.

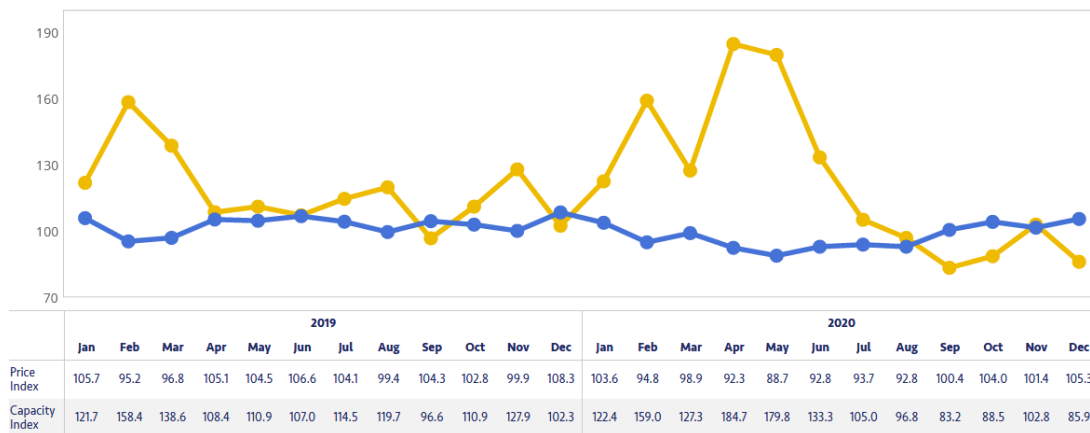
This is the result of the most recent evaluation of the Transport Market Monitor (TMM). The online service is provided by Tim Consult on the basis of road transportation data of more than 1.8 million freight loads per year. The processed data, stemming from the spot market, is provided by Transporeon, Europe’s leading network provider for transport logistics services. The report is based on data available up to January 7, 2021.

**Price & Capacity Index**

Price Index —●—  
Capacity Index —●—

**Price Index**  
▼ 2.7% Dec 2020 vs Dec 2019  
▲ 3.9% Dec 2020 vs Nov 2020

**Capacity Index**  
▼ 16.0% Dec 2020 vs Dec 2019  
▼ 16.4% Dec 2020 vs Nov 2020



Source: Transporeon

*“We predicted to see rising prices and falling transport capacity in the end of 2020 and our data has confirmed such a development. While this may be normal for the end of the year season, it cannot entirely be explained by the Christmas period in December. Transport capacity levels have dropped extraordinarily between the European continent and the UK while prices on this corridor are soaring. Brexit is obviously having an impact. In the first quarter of 2021, we expect however an overall recovery of transport capacities across Europe.”*, said Oliver Kahrs, Managing Director of Tim Consult, a Transporeon subsidiary.

Further information on the transportation market is available in the Transport Market Monitor’s freemium version at the following link:

<https://www.transportmarketmonitor.com/>

### **About Transporeon**

Transporeon boosts logistics performance and profitability with every freight load. Founded in Germany in 2000, Transporeon connects a worldwide network of more than 1,200 industrial shippers and retailers with over 100,000 logistics service providers in 100+ countries in real time. Its security-certified platforms offer digital solutions for freight benchmarking and sourcing, freight assignment and shipment execution, time slot management, shipment tracking, and end-to-end supply chain visibility. By leveraging the latest capabilities, including artificial intelligence and predictive analytics, Transporeon solutions cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, empty runs and truck waiting times while digitizing manual processes. Transporeon is located across Europe, Russia, Asia and the US. For more information, visit [www.transporeon.com](http://www.transporeon.com)

### **Transport Market Monitor (TMM)**

The Transport Market Monitor is a powerful online service showing the price and capacity development of the European road transport market. Logistics professionals in industry and retail as well as carriers and transport service providers who subscribe to the service benefit from its monthly analysis. This is presented online in numerous charts – for individual European countries, Europe as a whole, Russia, 80 country pairs and more than ten different sectors.

The Transport Market Monitor is based on the spot market data of Transporeon platforms covering 20 billion euros worth of freight loads per year. Its insights are derived from more than 1.8 million transports that are processed on the spot market by Transporeon every year and subsequently analysed by Tim Consult. The TMM therefore delivers particularly valid, precise and transparent information. Further information is available at [www.transportmarketmonitor.com](http://www.transportmarketmonitor.com)

### **Tim Consult**

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