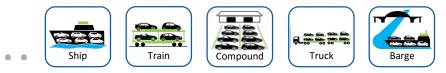


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## **Update on EU Affairs**

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#### Activities 2018 – 2019



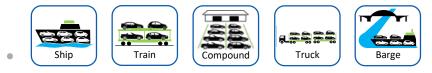
- Active participant in '2018 Year of Multimodality'
- Renewal (and acceptance!) of applications to EC expert groups:
- DIGITAL TRANSPORT LOGISTICS FORUM
- **Digital Transport & Logistics Forum** (DTLF): 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting in January (next in June), Subgroup on e-documents in March & April
- European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF): 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting in January 2019 (next in June)
- No dinner debate in March 2019 due to elections (cf. below)



#### **EU timeline**



- May 23-26: European elections!
- June: internal (political groups) meetings
- **July**: first plenary sessions to elect President(s), Committee Chairs, Rapporteurs etc., first TRAN Committee meeting (24 July)
- **September-October**: resuming of parliamentary activities and hearings of proposed Commissioners
- November: new European Commission (?)



#### **ECG timeline**



- June-July: monitoring of EP activities, incl. composition of TRAN Committee (attend first meeting)
- **September-November**: identify "friendly MEPs", monitor Transport Commissioner hearing(s)
- November-December: identify "host MEP" and start preparations for the Dinner Debate
- March 2020: ECG Dinner Debate (TBD) to introduce ECG and its campaign/issues to the new MEPs (and Transport Commissioner?)





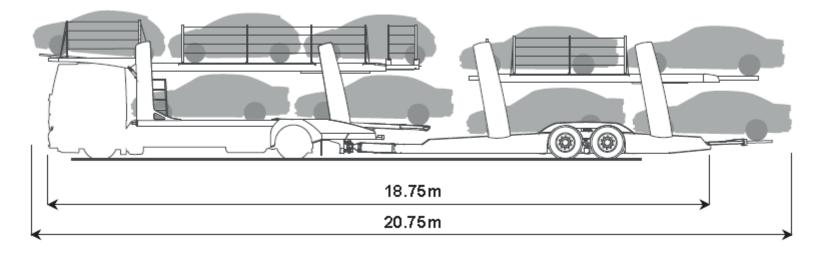
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# ECG's campaign on loaded length



#### **Remember ECG's proposal?**





# 20.75m loaded length = 0.5m front overhang + 18.75m unloaded length + 1.5m rear overhang



### **ECG's campaign in Brussels**



- ECG's campaign for 20 years!
- The revised Weights & Dimensions Directive 2015/719 preserves the status quo for the FVL sector and adds a review clause in the text (small victory for ECG!):
  - The text of the 2015 Directive will be revised three years after its implementation (which was in May 2017)

#### $\rightarrow$ Review in 2020 (tentatively confirmed by DG MOVE)



### ECG's campaign in Brussels



- Due to elections in May 2019 no interest in Brussels for a discussion on the 2020 review before the new EP and Commissioner are in place
- ECG's Lobbying Task Force (to convince key Member States to support ECG's goal) was mainly on hold
- Problem with front overhang prohibition (in France and Spain) might be alleviated through Directive 2015/719 allowing longer & rounder truck cabins on the road as of 2022 (subject to technical specifications & type approval by OEMs)





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# Thank you for your attention

#### **Questions?**

