

# Working Groups

## Monthly Roundup

**March 2022**

### Digitalisation

In 2021 ECG started a joint project with [Odette International](#) on the development of a **standard for the VIN label** in the finished vehicle supply chain, which will be based on ECG's own [recommendation on VIN labels](#). The joint LSP-OEM group is currently discussing issues such as the placement, content and layout of the VIN labels used in the supply chain in its regular meetings. 2D labels, especially QR code will be given special attention in the group discussions.

The project on **standard KPIs for Finished Vehicle Logistics**, is also a joint project under Odette's and ECG's co-ordination. The LSP and OEM members meet regularly with the aim to issue a recommendation by the end of April 2022.

The strategic project on **Digital Vehicle Handover** practices aims to create a recommendation by end of Q2 2022 to make sure that the various available technical solutions on the market are interoperable and yield comparable results. After having touched upon the image outputs of these solutions and on the IT, operational and data-related aspects, the discussions now focus on the legal issues and the deployment of specific processes for Artificial Intelligence used for automatic damage recognition. A legal protocol/schedule is currently drawn up by a transport lawyer and the group will analyse this as soon as we receive the draft.

With any enquiry on this Working Group or its sub-groups, please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).

### Health & Safety

#### **SG1 – Incident reporting**

The incident reporting website is undergoing some technical issues which do not allow members to upload incidents. We are currently investigating the issues and will inform members in due course.

#### **SG2 – Loading method**

No further updates since last month's WG Updates edition:

- The ECG Guidelines – Safe Loading Process are available in [13 LANGUAGES](#). Use these to train your drivers;
- The subgroup is now working on a training checklist and syllabus to support members with training of drivers on the ECG Guidelines – Safe Loading Process. The next meeting of the SG will be organised in April;

#### **SG3 – Safe yards**

After the publication of the [ECG Guidelines - Safe Yard Design](#), this SG is currently on hold. At the end of 2023, the SG will assess if any amendments to the guidelines are required.

Are you using our guidelines to renovate/modify one of your compounds? Are you planning to open a new compound and you are taking inspiration from our guidelines? [Get in touch](#) and share your experience!

#### **SG4 – Safe retailers**

SG4 initiated its work on safe unloading at retailers and will organise visits at retailers to gather best practice and improvement example.

Are you interested in any of the sub-groups activities? Please contact [Andreea Serbu](#).

#### **Maritime & Ports**

Maritime & Ports Working Group held its last meeting on 30/31 March in Hamburg, Germany.

The agenda included updates and presentations on the latest developments on the carrying of alternatives fuel vehicles, Ukrainian crisis and material shortages. The meeting was followed by a Boat Tour of Port of Hamburg guided by Axel Mattern, CEO of Port of Hamburg Marketing.

The presentation of the webinar is available here (<https://ecgassociation.eu/event/maritime-ports-working-group-30-31-march/#presentations>)

The next meeting will be organised in Autumn 2022 in the Port of Antwerp. The date will be communicated soon. For more information or to join the Working Group please contact the ECG Secretariat.

#### **Quality**

Since the last Quality meeting of 23 February, where version 9 of the [Operations Quality Manual](#) (OQM) for Cars and LCVs and version 2 of the OQM for Commercial Vehicles were approved, these documents got published on the ECG website. Translations to respectively 9 and 4 languages are currently ongoing.

The ECG [General Assembly & Spring Congress](#) on 12-13 May in Malaga will see the presentations on two very relevant Quality-related topics:

- Silvia Freitas and Thorsten Ludwig from TÜV SÜD will present on the forthcoming changes to the VDI standard on load securing on car transporters.
- Sifis Papageorgiou from the European Maritime Safety Agency will brief the audience on the publication of the interim guidance document on handling Alternative Fuel Vehicles in maritime transport.

In case you have any questions on any of these topics or if you want to join the Quality Working Group please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).

#### **Sustainability**

No further updates since last month's WG Updates edition:

The Sustainability Working Group is responsible for the work on standardisation of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in FVL. This one of ECG's strategic objectives for 2022 and the working group's aim is to align LSPs and OEMs on a common way of calculating and reporting emissions which gives fair and equitable results between and among different modes of transport.

Co-operation among the different parties in this area is fundamental in order to meet the objective. Therefore, given past and current successful collaborations on different industry

topics with the VDA and Odette, ECG agreed to create a cross-industry group under the umbrella of Odette to specifically define a methodology for calculation and reporting of automotive supply chain emissions. The project will be looking at both inbound and outbound emissions with ECG representing and giving input to the outbound workstream.

A kick-off meeting will take place on **7 April** with Odette, the VDA, LSPs and OEMs who will be aiming at defining and agreeing on the project's working packages, timeline and deliverables.

All these updates were discussed in a webinar on 18 February with the SWG which will meet regularly once the project will start to give input on outbound emissions.

For more information, or to join the group, please contact [Andreea Serbu](#).

## **Regional Meetings**

### *UK & Ireland*

Members in the UK & Ireland normally meet 3 times a year. After a break of two years a record number of participants came together for the regular annual meeting in central London on 10 November, joined as well by a handful of others participating online. Guests and speakers were welcomed from Aston Lark, Lonhams Marine Underwriters, ICDP and the SMMT. Some members also joined an informal dinner in the evening.

The next meeting will be held on 19 March in Dublin after which the group will go to watch the Ireland-Scotland rugby match. Future meetings proposed for 2022 are DAF Trucks in Oxfordshire in June and back to London once again on 10 November. For more information, or to join the group, please contact the [ECG secretariat](#)

### *Eastern Region*

The next Eastern Europe Regional meeting will take place on 28 April in Bratislava. Relevant information about registrations, meeting venue and agenda are directly shared with members and partners in this region. For any questions please contact [Andreea Serbu](#).