

# Working Groups

## Monthly Roundup

### January 2023

#### Capacity

One of ECG's strategic objectives for 2023 is the revision of its [FVL forecasting methodology](#) (Project Caesar for those who remember the original project name). Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the semiconductor crisis and other material shortages, the visibility in vehicle production and therefore the quality of forecasts OEMs provide to our members have been heavily affected. We plan to rework and update the existing methodology to suit better the needs of the industry in times of uncertainty. The revision process will soon start and initially take the form of interviews with OEMs and LSPs alike by our partner organisation, ICDP. The revised document will be ready by May and presented at the [General Assembly](#).

#### Digitalisation

The ECG-Odette joint standard for the [VIN label in the supply chain](#) was published in December. It is built on ECG's own document from 2019, which already established the best position for the labels on the left rear window, independently from the drive direction. The new document proposes a QR code to be present on the label instead of the one dimensional barcodes, as the QR codes can contain more information and are generally more robust.

Besides this, the novelty on the VIN label is a three letter code making reference to the powertrain of the vehicle. By this the Alternative Fuel Vehicles can be easily labelled and visually identified which is a major challenge especially in the maritime industry. Such a visual [identification of the vehicles](#) has been asked for by ECG's members some years ago and this was also included in EMSA's relative [guidance document](#) issued in the Spring.

The Digitalisation group's current open initiative is a discussion group on Telematics. The group is still in its first, inventory phase and will soon decide on next steps.

With any enquiry on this Working Group, please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).

#### Health & Safety

The last meeting of the Incident Reporting SG was held on 23 January 2023. Currently we are working on the joint report for 2021&2022.

Help us to improve drivers' safety and learn together as an industry by reporting on severe incidents and near-misses on our Online Incident Reporting [website](#).

For more information, or to join the group, contact [Jovana Vancevska](#).

#### Maritime & Ports

The next Maritime & Ports WG meeting will be held on 14/15 March 2023 at the Port of Vigo. This meeting is kindly sponsored by [Bergé](#), Termicar Vigo, [UECC](#) and [Vigo Port Authority](#). If you wish to join this meeting you can already register [here](#). Currently we are sorting out the details

regarding the event. All information on the recommended hotel and the event programme will be published on our [website](#).

For more information or to join the group, contact [Jovana Vancevska](#).

## **Quality**

The last meeting of the Quality Working Group was held on 25 January with a record attendance! Besides having 30 people in the room physically attending we had 40-45 additional participants joining online, which makes this the biggest ever Quality meeting held. Thanks a lot for the participants who, both online and in the room, actively contributed to the fruitful discussion and the overall success of the meeting.

The main theme on the agenda was definitely around the maritime transport of Alternative Fuel Vehicles, which generated a lively debate and will for sure be a discussion point for the next meetings too as more scientific evidence will come out later this year. This might also lead to the revision of the [EMSA guidance document](#) on this issue.

Besides this the group discussed about the growing number of vehicles transported by containers and the many operational questions around this. A dedicated sub-group was created with the interested parties, from OEMs, shipping lines, compound operators as well as inspection companies, and it will soon be convened. Another separate group was also initiated on the transport of used cars, which is an important activity of ECG members besides the transport of finished vehicles and which might need some minimum standards to be specified.

In case you want to join the Quality group or any of its new activities please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).

## **Sustainability**

We are finalising some details with regard to our project on defining a methodology to calculate and report on automotive supply chain emissions with the VDA and European OEMs. We invite you to get in touch if you would like to be part of the project and support it.

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

## **Regional Meetings**

### *UK & Ireland*

The latest meeting was held on 10 November in London sponsored by Aston Lark and their partner Samsara with 30 attendees from the UK & Ireland group. After a very informative meeting Bristol Port sponsored a dinner in the evening to mark the retirement of Tony Dent after 44 years service. The 2023 meetings will likely be hosted by Bristol Port and JCB before returning to London once again in November. For more information, or to join the group, please contact the [ECG secretariat](#).

### *Eastern Region*

The next Eastern Regional Meeting will take place on Thursday, 27 April in Gdansk, Poland. Registrations will be open by the mid of February. All the details on the venue, hotel and the event programme will be published in due course.

For more information contact [Jovana Vancevska](#).

## **EU Affairs**

On 5 January 2023 the [Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive](#) (CSRD) entered into force. This means that companies will soon be required to publish detailed information on sustainability matters. This will increase a company's accountability, prevent divergent sustainability standards, and ease the transition to a sustainable economy. What companies must report and starting when? Take a look [here](#).

For more information and any questions, contact [Andreea Serbu](#).