

# Working Groups

## Monthly Roundup

### March 2023

#### Capacity

The revision of ECG's [FVL forecasting methodology](#) (a strategic project for ECG in 2023) has already started with the OEM and LSP interviews, conducted for us by our trusted partner ICDP. The interviews will be carried out until mid-March, after which the results will be synthesised and integrated into the existing document. The updated version will be published in April and presented at the [General Assembly](#) in Thessaloniki by Ben Waller, Associate Director of ICDP.

If you want to know anything more on this strategic project for ECG, please let [Szilvi Kiss](#) know.

#### Digitalisation

The Digitalisation group's current open initiative is a discussion group on Telematics. The group is still in its first, inventory phase in which it has discussed on available data and data needs from the various actors and the possible use-cases for road, rail and maritime transports, as well as desirable future developments. The group heard in February from Renault and Volkswagen on their use of telematics in their vehicles. The next steps of the group will soon be decided.

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

#### Health & Safety

No further updates since last month's WG Updates edition. We would like to kindly remind you to [report](#) on your severe incidents and near misses for 2021&2022 and help us to improve drivers' safety.

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.

The meeting will start with a tour of the Port of Vigo. The agenda includes a round table discussion, updates and a presentation on the transport of cars in containers. The full agenda is available [here](#).

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

#### Quality

One of the outcomes of the January Quality meeting was the creation of a dedicated group on the transport of cars in containers, a topic which has become high on the agenda in recent months. The first call of this group was held on 21 February where experiences were shared and some questions raised, reflecting the wish to lay down some minimum industry standards

and good practices for this growing mode of transporting vehicles. The next call of the group will be held in March.

To reflect the interest from members and OEMs alike on the transport of cars in containers, we have created a [webpage](#) where the relevant news items are centralized for the benefit of all.

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

## **Sustainability**

The project on defining a standard methodology to calculate and report on automotive supply chain emissions with the VDA and European OEMs started at the beginning of February. ECG will soon issue a press release with further information. 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 Europe Regional Meeting](#) will take place on Thursday, 27 April in Gdansk, Poland. [Registrations](#) are now open and the full agenda is available [here](#). Please note that this meeting is open to ECG members and partners only.

If you wish to know more about this meeting, please contact [Jovana Vancevska](#).

## **EU Affairs**

On 14 February, the European Commission proposed phasing in stronger CO<sub>2</sub> emissions standards for almost all new Heavy Duty Vehicles (HDVs) with certified CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, compared to 2019 levels, specifically:

- 45% emissions reduction from 2030;
- 65% emission reduction from 2035;
- 90% emissions reduction from 2040.

Negotiations on this proposal will begin in spring 2023 in the Council of the EU Working Party on the Environment and, at the same time, in the European Parliament.

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

## **ECG Quarterly Survey**

Since 2010 ECG is conducting our Quarterly Confidence & Cost Trend Survey across members of the Association. The Survey provides the most up-to-date picture of the industry and current trends. Latest results for Q4 2022 are available [here](#).