

# Working Groups Monthly Roundup

## April 2023

### Capacity

The revision of ECG's [FVL forecasting methodology](#) (a strategic project for ECG in 2023) started in January this year with the OEM and LSP interviews, conducted for us by our trusted partner ICDP. The interviews were carried out in March-April and the results will be presented by Ben Waller at the [ECG General Assembly & Spring Congress](#) on 12 May in Thessaloniki. The updated forecasting methodology will be published shortly after the event.

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 has gone through an inventory phase where the advancement of the truck, rail, vessel/terminal and vehicle telematics were analysed. The findings were analysed and a use-case as well as a data-list was drawn up based on which a final hybrid meeting will be held on 15 June, in Brussels and online. The purpose will be to facilitate dedicated companies to come together for proof of concepts/trials in the near future.

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

### Health & Safety

Yearly incident report for 2021 & 2022 will be published in May. Results will be presented during the Webinar that will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May. If you wish to know more about most common incidents happening during loading/unloading operations on trucks register [here](#) for the webinar.

We would like to kindly remind you to keep reporting on your incidents for 2023 and help us to improve drivers' safety.

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

### Maritime & Ports

The latest Maritime & Ports Working Group Meeting took place on 2023 March 14/15 in Vigo, kindly sponsored by the Port of Vigo, Termicar and ECG Members Bergé, Suardiaz and UECC. More than 50 attendees joined for the meeting and the tour of the Port of Vigo including Suardiaz and Termicar facilities. Find more about the meeting [here](#).

Next meeting will be in Bristol on 28-29 June. All information will be available on our [website](#) in due course.

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

## Quality

The Quality Working Group has currently a sub-group on the transport of cars in containers, a mode of transport which many OEMs have been looking at lately to fix the capacity constraints. However good practices need to be looked at and some minimum industry standards laid down. 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.

The next meeting of the Quality Working Group will be held on 31 May, in Brussels and online. The meeting will focus on the transport of cars with high voltage batteries, as well as on other topics, like the update of the OEM parking rules table or the transport of cars in containers.

In case you want to join the Quality meeting on 31 May or the group on the transport of cars in containers 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. See ECG's [press release](#) about this strategic objective. First results are expected in Q3 2023. 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 25 April in Bristol where we were hosted by Bristol Port and were once again joined by around 30 participants including guests from ICDP and Nissan. Future meetings will be held at JCB on 24 August and then, as usual, the end of year meeting will be held in London on 16 November. For more information, or to join the group, please contact the [ECG secretariat](#).

### *Eastern Region*

The latest meeting was held on 27 April in Gdansk, Poland sponsored by Prilo and ROLFO. More than 60 ECG Members and Partners based in Central and Eastern Europe gathered for the first meeting of the year. You can find out more about the meeting in our [ECG News article](#).

Next meeting will take place in September in Riga. More information will be available on our website in due course.

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

## EU Affairs

April was a busy month for European legislators. [Key climate legislations](#) within the Fit for 55 package were adopted:

- Revision of the Emissions Trading System Directive
- Amendment of the MRV shipping Regulation
- Revision of the ETS Aviation Directive
- Regulation establishing a Social Climate Fund
- Regulation establishing a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism

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 Q1 2023 will be available on our [website](#) from 8 May.