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## **ECG – The Association of European Vehicle Logistics sees record Attendance at General Assembly & Spring Congress 2023 in Thessaloniki, Greece**

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ECG is pleased to announce the success of its General Assembly & Spring Congress 2023, held in Thessaloniki, Greece, on May 11-12. The event received a strong turnout from members and partners of the association in the Finished Vehicle Logistics (FVL) industry.

During the General Assembly, attendees were provided with updates on various Working Groups and engaged in discussions on industry trends. The event also included ECG Board elections, resulting in the appointment of new board members Xavier de Conigliano from CEVA Logistics, Neringa Jasiulionienė from Manvesta and Marcos Duato from Suardiaz Shipping Line.

The General Assembly was followed by the Gala Dinner, which concluded with the graduation ceremony of the ECG Academy. The ceremony included the presentation of awards to exceptional students. Darlina Mamaqi from MOSOLF Automotive Releasing Solutions GmbH (MARS GmbH) received the Digital Mindset award by ProAct while Laura Buitrago from Toyota Motor Europe was honored with the Giovanni Paci Award for Best Student.

The ECG Academy, renowned for its unique Certificate in Automobile Logistics Management, was developed to meet the growing demand for specialised training in the finished vehicle logistics sector. Volvo Cars' ECG Academy 2022/2023 graduate, Kris Schildermans, praised the Academy, stating, "When signing up for the Academy, I never could have imagined how it was to experience it in reality. The course was fantastic and I'm very happy that I had the opportunity to participate."

The following day, the Spring Congress continued with presentations covering various topics of interest. delegates had the opportunity to learn about the European market outlook, Finished Vehicle Exports from China, Forecasting Methodology, FVL Cost Index Q4 update, EU Affairs & Fit for 55, and Emissions Reporting. The event concluded with a panel discussion on the pressing issue of Capacity Crisis, featuring insights from OEMs.

ECG extends its gratitude to all participants, speakers, and sponsors for their contributions to the success of the General Assembly & Spring Congress 2023.

#### **Note to editors:**

ECG is the established European platform for the outbound automotive logistics sector bringing together logistics service providers, manufacturer logistics managers and suppliers to the sector. ECG aims to facilitate non-commercial collaboration between member companies and assist them in sharing best practices in many operational areas, especially the harmonisation of operational standards.

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#### **About ECG**

ECG, the Association of European Vehicle Logistics, has been the voice of the Finished Vehicle Logistics industry in Europe since 1997. ECG represents the interests of more than 140 member companies and partners, from family owned SMEs to multi-nationals, and is the major champion of the European vehicle logistics sector. ECG represents all transport modes at EU level – road, rail, maritime and fluvial. ECG members provide transport, distribution, storage, preparation and post-production services to manufacturers, importers, car rental companies and vehicle leasing operators in the 27 Member States of the European Union as well as Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and beyond. They own or operate more than 360 car-carrying ships, 15,100 purpose-built railway wagons, 22 river barges and around 23,000 road transporters.

As a major employer, the finished vehicle logistics sector plays an important role in contributing to the economic success of the European Union. Today, ECG members have an aggregate turnover of €21.3bn and their economic impact on companies associated with the sector is estimated at €56bn. **More than 93,000 Europeans are employed directly by our members and an additional 224,000 are indirectly employed in the sector.**

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