

# Working Groups Monthly Roundup

## May 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 were presented](#) by Ben Waller at the ECG Spring Congress in Thessaloniki. The amended forecasting methodology will be published in June.

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 compiled and a use-case 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

The yearly incident report for 2021/22 was published in May and presented during a webinar. The report contains an overview of the most common incidents that are happening during loading/unloading operations on car transporters, a breakdown of high-risk incidents (Slips&Trips, Roll-offs, Falls from height, Drive-offs, Collisions, Transport incidents and delivery at retailers) and key recommendations for the industry. The full report can be found [here](#).

We would like to kindly remind you to keep reporting on your severe incidents and near-misses for 2023 and help us to improve drivers' safety. Our Online Incident Reporting website is available [here](#).

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

### Maritime & Ports

The next Maritime & Ports Working Group Meeting will take place on 28/29 June 2023 in Bristol, kindly sponsored by The Bristol Port Company who will host a dinner on 28<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> will start with a tour of Bristol Port. The agenda for the day includes round table discussion, presentation of the Green Award, an update on Chinese import volumes and updates from the ECG active working groups. The full agenda is available [here](#).

All members and partners active in this area can join for the meeting by registering [here](#).

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

## Quality

The second Quality Working Group meeting of the year was held on 31 May. The main theme of the meeting was once again the transport of vehicles with high voltage batteries on board ships. Attendees were briefed on some recent research on fire involving Battery Electric Vehicles which will help develop a better understanding of the challenges ahead. The results of the [Lashfire project](#) will be finalized later this year and we will brief the members of the group as soon as we know more on this. Attendees heard a presentation on the activities of the recently launched Vehicle Carrier Safety Forum (VCSF), which brings together shipping lines and P&I clubs. This forum is very focused on any safety issue related to the transport of vehicles with high-voltage batteries. Its upcoming actions will concern fire detection on board ships, technology analysis and development, as well as crew training. ECG and the VCSF will stay in contact and will brief each other on their respective activities.

The dedicated sub-group on the transport of cars in containers is continuing its activity: after some introductory meetings to set the scene the members of the sub-group will start amending the relevant chapter of the Operations Quality Manual on containers.

In case you need any further information on the Quality group and 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 is well underway since the beginning of February. We expect the first results 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 next Eastern Europe Regional Meeting will take place on 14 September 2023 in Riga, Latvia. Registrations will be open by the mid of July. All the details on the venue, hotel and the event programme will be published in due course.

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

## EU Affairs

No new updates. Please take a look at last month's round up. 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 are available [here](#).