

Working Groups Monthly Roundup

July 2023

Capacity

No further updates since last month's WG Updates edition.

Digitalisation

The ECG Tech Board was launched in July with selected ECG members, OEMs and IT companies as its participants. Its role will be to look into digital trends for the FVL sector in the short and medium terms and analyse how it will translate into technical needs. This forum will also act as a 'steering committee' for the DWG and it will contribute to the topics that the working group should be dealing with. The Tech Board will also ensure a link between the parties (LSP-OEM-IT companies) so that the respective needs and challenges are better understood and taken into account.

For any enquiry about 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 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

No further updates since last month's WG Updates edition.

The next Maritime & Ports WG meeting will take place in Cuxhaven in November. The date and all details on the meeting programme will be published in due course on our [website](#).

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

Quality

Electric Vehicles have been high on the agenda of ECG's Quality Working Group in the past years. One of the issues that the members flagged are the various requirements that OEMs have in terms of charging their Battery Electric Vehicles in the supply chain. Charge when? To what level? This is why ECG decided to survey the OEMs about the SoC with which their Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) leave the factories in Europe and with which they are transported.

Besides collecting the data for the OEMs, the [SoC table](#) contains also the requirements of the shipping lines who operate PCTC vessels as, following the publication of the [EMSA Guidance document](#) for the transport of Alternative Fuel Vehicles in Ro-Ro spaces, many shipping companies started to impose a maximum SoC level for the transported BEVs.

Obviously things will change over time, and we will plan to review the contents on a regular basis, but if you notice anything that is out of date or inaccurate do please let us know so we can update the information. This data is published for general information purposes and should not be relied on. Please check directly with the companies concerned if you need confirmation.

In case you are interested in Electric Vehicles, please read also the ECG Business Intelligence report from June 2023 entitled '[Prepping for the EV invasion in FVL in Europe.](#)'

In case you need any further information on the Quality group and its activities please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).

Sustainability

On 17 July, ECG and Smart Freight Centre published the first ever methodology harmonising emissions accounting in the Ro-Ro segment. This is the result of a project which ran from February to July 2023 involving ECG Members operating Ro-Ro vessels.

The Ro-Ro methodology is in line with international standards such as [ISO 14083](#) and it provides, amongst others, a harmonised calculation approach for Ro-Ro operators.

It fits into the wider framework of the project ECG, VDA and other European OEMs like Jaguar Land Rover, Nissan and Toyota Motor Europe have been engaged in since February 2023, with the objective to define a standard methodology to calculate and report on automotive supply chain emissions.

Although the Ro-Ro publication came in July, it fits into the overall multimodal project aiming at harmonising automotive supply chain emissions calculation and reporting. The results of this are expected to be published later in the year in Q3 2023.

See [here](#) how the Ro-Ro methodology fits into the overall multimodal project.

For more information, 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, kindly sponsored by Kurbads and Kässbohrer. [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 11 July the European Commission published the Greening Freight package including two proposals which are relevant for ECG Members.

1. Weights and dimensions [COM\(2023\) 445/2](#)

ECG has been calling for harmonisation of loaded length of car transporters at EU level for many years. We are extremely happy that the European Commission has accepted our argument and included it in the proposal to revise the Weights & Dimensions Directive: a loaded length of 20.75 metres has been proposed with a maximum allowed overhang (0.5m in the front, 1.5m at the back) for car transporters.

2. CountEmissions EU [COM\(2023\) 441/2](#)

The European Commission proposed a new Regulation establishing rules for the accounting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of transport services. The aim of this proposal is to create a single and reliable methodology used to calculate GHG emissions. The proposal covers freight and passenger transport operations.

The proposal is very much welcomed by ECG as we have an ongoing project on the same topic as described above in the Sustainability WG paragraph.

See a summary of the two proposals in the [article](#) published by ECG on 14 July.

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 latest results for Q2 2023 will be available at the beginning of August on our [website](#).