

# Working Groups Monthly Roundup

## October 2023

### Capacity

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

### Digitalisation

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

ECG will be present at the [Odette Conference](#) in Berlin, on 20-21 November.

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

The next Maritime & Ports meeting will take place on 9/10 November in Cuxport, Germany. This meeting is kindly sponsored by Rhenus Cuxport, DFDS and Mosolf.

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

Participants will have an opportunity to hear about the new regulations concerning the maritime sector (ETS/CII), discuss the safety in Ro-Ro transport and receive the latest update on ECG activities. During the roundtable, participants will also have the opportunity to discuss issues relevant to the industry.

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

### Quality

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

We remind all interested members, partners and OEMs that the next meeting of the Quality Working Group is scheduled for 30 November in Brussels. If you are already a member of the group, you can register via [this website](#). If not, please get in touch!

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

### Sustainability

The project on standardisation of emissions calculations and reporting from automotive supply chains has entered the final stage. The final version of the guideline will be published by the end of November.

We kindly remind you that the methodology to report and calculate emissions from Ro-Ro operations has been published in July and is available on our [website](#).

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

## **Regional Meetings**

### *UK & Ireland*

The latest meeting was held at JCB's headquarters on 24 August and the attendees enjoyed a fascinating tour of the museum and factory at the start of the day. As usual, the end of year meeting will be held in London, this time on 16 November when we will meet for lunch ahead of the session. As usual it will be supported by insurance specialist Howden Group (ex-Aston Lark). An optional dinner has been arranged for the evening.

Suggestions for 2024 meetings include a return to Dublin. For more information, or to join the group, please contact the [ECG secretariat](#).

### *Eastern Region*

The next Eastern Regional Meeting is planned for 25 April 2024 in Istanbul, Turkey. More information will be available on our website closer to the meeting.

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

## **EU Affairs**

### 1. Harmonisation of loaded length of car transporters at EU level

The Council and European Parliament are entering negotiations on the Weights & Dimensions Directive. ECG published a [paper](#) summarising its position on harmonisation of loaded length of vehicle transporters to 20.75m and its continuing its advocacy campaign. Would you like to support us at national level? Contact [Andreea Serbu](#).

### 2. New CO<sub>2</sub> road tax in Germany

In case you missed it, on 20 October the German Parliament approved the introduction of a new substantial CO<sub>2</sub> tax which will be included in Germany's road tolls from 1 December 2023. Read ECG's updated briefing paper on the topic [here](#).

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 are available on our [website](#). The results for Q3 2023 will be published on our website in November.