

Working Groups Monthly Roundup

January 2024

Capacity

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

Digitalisation

ECG launched the [Tech Board](#) in 2023: a sort of think tank which has set forth to analyse the challenges the FVL industry is facing; to monitor the tech trends and to evaluate how the tech development can solve the challenges. The first step on the way was to launch a survey in December to the LSPs and OEMs to understand what challenges they are facing. The survey is now closed, we analysed the results and will soon publish them, along with some more concrete next steps.

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 2024 and help us to improve drivers' safety. Our Online Incident Reporting website is available [here](#). The yearly report for 2023 will be published in March 2024.

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

Maritime & Ports

The next Maritime & Ports meeting will take place in Grimsby on 21/22 February kindly sponsored by Associated British Ports, GBA and Toyofuji.

On 21 February participants will have the opportunity to meet in an informal environment during the networking dinner. The meeting will take place on 22 February with a very engaging agenda and excellent speakers. The full agenda is available [here](#).

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

Quality

We had the kick-off meeting of the used cars sub-group on 24 January and started the process of laying down the foundations of common recommendations for the handling and transporting of used vehicles. We have shipping lines, truck operators, maritime terminals and ports, as well as inspection and insurance companies participating so all processes will be covered in our discussions. It is still possible to join should anyone be interested. We plan to have bi-weekly calls to draft the manual which we will publish as an end result.

In the course of January, a [reporting form](#) on any fire incident with BEV or PHEV units was launched. We encourage our members to report via this form in case such an incident occurs. (We will keep it anonymous of course.) This way we will have a better understanding of what

is happening with these vehicles (whether they are new or used) in the supply chain. This initiative is about information sharing which can help us work for improving Quality and safety of operations.

The last Quality meeting attendees agreed to add the new chapter on the transport of cars in containers to the [Operations Quality Manual](#). Version 10 of the manual was subsequently published in December. Please start using this manual which is already available in the original English language, as well as in French, German and Russian. The other translations are in the pipeline, while we are still waiting for a volunteer translator for Bulgarian. If you could help us with this language please reach out to me.

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

Sustainability

The first phase of the project on standardisation of emissions calculations and reporting from automotive supply chains finished in December 2023. The project produced the first standard methodology for automotive supply chain emissions calculation and reporting. The guidelines are available on ECG's [website](#).

In 2024, there will be a second phase of the project looking at implementation. Project partners are discussing the set-up of this next phase.

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

Regional Meetings

UK & Ireland

The next meeting is planned for 27 February, which will be hosted by Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) at the Motor Museum in Gaydon. In addition to JLR there will be guests from ICDP, SMMT and ECG's Business Intelligence. Timing is 11.00-15.00.

A summer meeting is planned to be held in Ireland.

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

ECG is continuing its campaign to promote harmonisation of loaded length of vehicle transporters to 20.75m at EU level. We very much welcome support at national level from members on this file. Contact [Andreea Serbu](#) to let us know if you would like to support us in your own countries.

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 Q4 2023 will be available on our [website](#).