

# Working Groups

## Monthly Roundup

### February 2024

#### Capacity

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

#### Digitalisation

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

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 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 and webinar will be organised to present latest analysis.

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

#### Maritime & Ports

The latest Maritime & Ports meeting took place in Grimsby, UK on 21/22 February kindly sponsored by Associated British Ports, GBA and Toyofuji.

On 21 February participants had the opportunity to meet in an informal environment during the networking dinner. The meeting took place on 22 February with a very engaging agenda and excellent speakers. After the meeting participants had the opportunity to attend a port tour.

The next meeting will be in September in Barcelona. More information will be available closer to the meeting.

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

#### Quality

The sub-group on the transport and handling of used cars continued its work in February and will continue in the next months. Besides this, a new group will be convened in the middle of March on the information sharing on the transported vehicles in the supply chain. We will focus on maritime transport first, as we received feedback from shipping lines that they lack information on the vehicles, but all modes of transport will be touched upon.

Don't forget that a form was created in January to [report on any fire incident](#) with BEV or PHEV units (whether they are new or used). Please use this easy online form to let us know when you encounter any fire incidents. This way we will have a better understanding of what is happening with these vehicles in the supply chain. Your data will be kept anonymous!

The next meeting of the Quality Group will be held on 5 June in Brussels and online. If you are a member of the group, [you can already register](#) via the online form. If you are not yet a member, please get in touch!

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

## **Sustainability**

Take a look at the guidelines on emissions calculation and reporting from automotive supply chains on our [website \(incl. Ro Ro\)](#).

In 2024, there will be a second phase of the project looking at implementation of the guidelines above. Further information will be provided in due time.

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

## **Regional Meetings**

### *UK & Ireland*

The latest meeting was held on 27 February when we were hosted by Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) at the Motor Museum in Gaydon. In addition to JLR we welcomed guest speakers Ben Waller from ICDP and ECG's Business Analyst, Namrita Chow, Business Intelligence and a very informative session was enjoyed by all.

A summer meeting is planned to be held in Dublin, Ireland on the afternoon of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. It is expected that many participants will want to join an informal dinner in the evening so we will make arrangements on this basis.

The end-of-year meeting will be held, as usual, in London. The date is 21<sup>st</sup> November and it will again be an afternoon meeting with the annual regional dinner in the evening.

For more information, or to join the group, please contact the [ECG secretariat](#).

### *Eastern Region*

The next Eastern Regional Meeting will be on 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**

### **Loaded length**

February marked the first victory for ECG and its lobbying campaign. The TRAN Committee of the European Parliament endorsed harmonisation of loaded length of vehicle transporters to 20.75m at EU level. Read all about it in our ECG News article [here](#).

Due to European elections in June this year, we do not expect the file to be finalised by the end of the mandate of the current European Parliament. Our lobbying campaign will continue in 2024 and we always 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.

### **Smart tachographs**

We would like to remind our members that all vehicles performing cross-border operations that are equipped with an analogue tachograph or a digital non-smart tachograph must be retrofitted with a smart tachograph 2 (SMT2) by 31 December 2024, and those equipped with

a smart tachograph 1 must be retrofitted by 18 August 2025. See more in our ECG News article [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 Q4 2023 are available on our [website](#).