

Working Groups

Monthly Roundup

March 2024

Capacity

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

Digitalisation

The past months have seen the preparations for two Proof of Concepts in the field of Telematics: the Port Control Tower and the Rail digitalisation initiatives. Both of these industry initiatives will be launched in the course of April with the participation of ECG members, OEMs and IT service providers, with ECG acting as an observer. Results and lessons learnt will be presented to the wider audience as soon as they are available.

For any enquiry about this Working Group, please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).

Health & Safety

The annual incident report for 2023 is now published and the main findings were presented during the webinar. The webinar included an introduction to the Health & Safety Working Group, an explanation of the incident reporting activity and a summary of high risk incidents for 2023.

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. To access the full report click [here](#).

We would like to kindly remind you to keep reporting on your incidents for 2024 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 meeting will be in September in Barcelona. More information will be available closer to the meeting. We are also looking at the possibility to have a visit to Tangier Ports before then for those who are interested.

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

Quality

A sub-group was launched in March to discuss what information OEMs need to share with the shipping lines for booked vehicles. Many OEMs and shipping line members are participating and will work on a list of 'mandatory' information and also items which are 'nice to have'.

Translations of the [Operations Quality Manual](#) are already available to 7 languages! Thanks to our volunteer translators for their help.

VDI's (Verein Deutscher Ingenieure, German Engineer Association) Guideline 2700 on lashing on vehicle transporters has been revised during the past year. The new version of the Guideline will soon enter into force. In order that companies can prepare for the changes that this revision entails TÜV SÜD Auto Plus GmbH published its [flyer in German language](#). The English version will come soon – we will publish it on our website as soon as possible.

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

ECG is pleased to announce that Christine Willemart, Renault Group agreed to co-chair the Sustainability Working Group supporting the current co-chair Mats Eriksson, Axess Logistics.

We would like to remind our members about the [guideline](#) on emissions calculation and reporting for automotive supply chains (incl. Ro-Ro) – visit our website to download these and start calculating your emissions today.

ECG will shortly announce the next steps for the emissions project and the sustainability working group. Watch this space!

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, 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 20th 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 21st November and it will again be an afternoon meeting with the annual 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 at the Swissotel. [Registrations](#) for the meeting are open. The format will, as usual, be an afternoon meeting followed by a dinner on the Bosphorus hosted by our meeting sponsors. ECG members who are active or operate in this part of the Europe can join the meeting.

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

EU Affairs

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

FVL Legal Network

The FVL Legal Network brings together professionals who are passionate about the legal aspects of the finished vehicle logistics industry. It's a space where legal experts can delve into discussions on a wide range of relevant topics.

The next meeting will be on Friday 21 June and will take the form of a briefing on EU Competition law from our partners Contrast Law.

For more information about the network contact [Jovana Vancevska](#).

Women in FVL Network

The Women in FVL Network is an initiative established in 2023 focused on bringing together women who are involved or interested in the field of finished vehicle logistics. The purpose of this network is to create a supportive and inclusive community where women can connect, collaborate, and build relationships with other women in the industry. The first informal gathering of the network was held on 23 October ahead of the ECG Conference in Copenhagen.

The second informal gathering will be on **Thursday, 23 May, 12:00 – 14:00** ahead of the [ECG General Assembly and Spring Congress](#) in Baveno, Italy welcoming all women attending the event.

For more information on how to join please visit our [website](#) or contact Andreea Serbu.

ECG Quarterly Survey

Since 2010 ECG is conducting our Quarterly Confidence & Cost Trend Survey across members of the Association. The Survey tracks main trends in the industry regarding investment capacity, costs, business optimism, customer/supplier relationship index and efficiency.

The latest results (for Q4 2023) are available on our [website](#).