

Working Groups

Monthly Roundup

April 2024

Capacity

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

Digitalisation

The [ECG Tech Board](#), a steering committee of which the 15-20 members are invited from LSPs, OEMs and IT companies, will meet in May and agree on the next steps of its activities. The established modus operandi, the Tech Funnel, was already presented: the starting point is the analysis and identification of main industry challenges. This exercise was conducted in January and the [results](#) were subsequently circulated. The next and currently on-going step is to identify the tech trends and to match them up with the challenges.

This will yield cross-industry projects and new topics for the Digitalisation Working Group (DWG). To support this new idea generation and to add more flexibility in the system, an online form will be tested and launched soon. This will be presented to the members of the DWG who can then use this to present their suggestions for projects or topics to be discussed in a dedicated forum.

A joint industry project is already under way to examine how automation can boost performance on compounds. The preliminary results of this project will be presented at the ECG General Assembly in Baveno.

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

Health & Safety

The latest annual incident report for 2023 was published on 5 April and is now available on our [website](#). The main findings were presented during the webinar. 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.

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](#).

As a next step the H&S WG will be looking at the delivery at retailers.

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 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

VDI's (Verein Deutscher Ingenieure, German Engineer Association) Guideline 2700 on lashing on vehicle transporters has been revised during the past years. 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 English language too](#).

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

After the publication of the ECG-VDA [guideline](#) on emissions calculation and reporting for automotive supply chains (incl. Ro-Ro), we are pleased to announce that phase 2 of the project focussing on implementation and much more will start in May. A pre-kick-off meeting detailing objectives and deliverables for phase 2 will be held on 13 May, 11:00 – 12:30. If you work on emissions, sustainability and decarbonisation we invite you to join this meeting!

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 latest Eastern Regional Meeting was held on 25 April 2024 in Istanbul, kindly sponsored by ECG Members ANT Lojistik, Me-Par and Omsan Logistics. More than 70 participants joined the first meeting of the year to discuss the latest developments within the finished vehicle logistics sector and the market situation in this part of Europe. You can find out more about the meeting in our ECG News article [here](#).

The next meeting will be in September. Meeting details 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

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 second informal gathering of the [Women in FVL](#) network will be on **Thursday, 23 May, 12:00 – 14:00** ahead of the [ECG General Assembly & 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 Q1 2024 will be available on our [website](#) in May.