

Working Groups

Monthly Roundup

August 2024

Digitalisation & ECG Tech Board

Digitalisation in rail logistics will be a topic for discussion in the Autumn – more information will come on this in due course. Besides this, a dedicated project will start soon on invoicing processes in Finished Vehicle Logistics.

Until then, we are waiting for the contributions from our members, partners and the OEMs to our [online form](#) in order to generate new projects for the [Tech Board](#) and new sub-group initiatives for the Digitalisation Group.

For any enquiry about the Digitalisation and Tech Board activities, please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).

Health & Safety

The last meeting of the H&S WG sub-group on delivery at retailers was on 14 August. The group reviewed the retailer delivery escalation process and the safety evaluation sheet as well as the proposed legal contract amendments.

We would like to kindly remind you to keep reporting on your severe incidents and near misses during loading/unloading operations on trucks 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

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

We would like to remind ECG members active in the maritime sector that the next meeting will be in Rostock, Germany on 26/27 September kindly sponsored by Autolink Germany, Musco Lighting and Rostock Port.

On 26 September participants will have the opportunity to meet in an informal environment during the networking dinner. The meeting will take place on 27 September at Rostock port with very engaging [agenda](#) and excellent speakers. A tour of the port will follow after the meeting. See our [website](#) for more information.

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

Quality

ECG and Odette have recently updated their joint [VIN label standard](#) which they had elaborated for more operational efficiency. The new version makes the size of the label less prescriptive as we did not want this to be the element preventing an OEM from adopting the spirit of the document. We added the port of discharge as a possible destination for the vehicle on the labels as the final destination may not be known at the start of the transport. Besides this the list of fuel types and their Edifact codes for the [digital messages](#) have been completed

in the Annex. So far Volvo Cars has taken up the standard and will deploy it on all of its flows in 2024-2025.

We invite all OEMs to read this short and straightforward document and all LSPs to speak about it to their OEM clients. If the content and the placement of the VIN labels used in the supply chain is standardised significant operational efficiency improvements can be achieved.

The small, dedicated group assessing the information needs of the LSPs, especially the shipping lines, finished its work and the short [recommendation is now published](#). It suggests a list of information to be shared with the LSPs as they see them as essential for the efficient handling and stowing of the vehicles. The essential information consists of vehicle dimensions and fuel type for every transported car, with emergency handling information for the transported vehicle models.

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 pre-registration is open for the training course **Sustainability and carbon emissions accounting for vehicle logistics**. The training will take place on 19-20 November in Brussels and aims at supporting our members in the implementation of the ECG-VDA [guideline](#) on emissions calculation and reporting for automotive supply chains and helping them with their decarbonisation journey. More information about the training including learning objectives, detailed schedule and target audience can be found [here](#). We invite all of our Members to pre-register now.

If you work on emissions and/or sustainability, you are welcome to join our project and the Sustainability Working Group.

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

Regional Meetings

UK & Ireland

Regrettably the meeting planned for 20th June in Dublin had to be cancelled due to insufficient interest (there may have been some conflict with certain football matches!).

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. Registrations are now open.

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

Eastern Region

The next Eastern Regional Meeting will be on 12 September in Budapest, Hungary at the K+K Hotel Opera Budapest.

[Registrations](#) for the meeting are open. The format will, as usual, be an afternoon meeting followed by a dinner hosted by our meeting sponsors. ECG members who are active or operate in this part of the Europe can join the meeting. See our [website](#) for more information about the meeting.

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

EU Affairs

1. FuelEU Maritime

On 23 July, the European Commission and the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) organised a webinar on the FuelEU Maritime Regulation. The purpose is to support companies with practical information on how to submit their monitoring plans for each ship by 31 August 2024. The webinar recording and further information are available at [this](#) link.

2. Ship Financing Portal

The European Commission just launched the [Ship Financing Portal](#) to boost the maritime sector's green transition.

The Ship Financing Portal serves as a common database for businesses and other organisations seeking public or private finance for their needs, projects and/or technology development. This database includes a wide range of financial products such as grants, loans, and bonds. It will be updated periodically to reflect the latest opportunities within the sector.

The Portal in a nutshell:

- **Consolidated resource:** the portal centralises access to a variety of pan-European financing products, simplifying the search for suitable financing opportunities for stakeholders across the maritime sector.
- **Current information:** it provides up-to-date details on available grants, loans, and other financing products administered by the EU, Member States, and private financial institutions. This ensures that users are informed about the latest financing opportunities.
- **Sector-specific solutions:** the portal lists financing products relevant for the shipping sector, facilitating the development and deployment of technologies and services to promote shipping decarbonisation. This aligns with the EU's commitment to steer the maritime sector towards a green transition.

FVL Legal Network

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

Women in FVL Network

The next meeting of the [Women in FVL](#) network will be on **24 October, 12:00 – 14:00** ahead of the ECG Conference 2024 in Hamburg. If you are a woman and attending the Conference, register now!

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

ECG Quarterly Survey

The latest analysis for Q2 2024 is available on our [website](#).