

Working Groups

Monthly Roundup

October 2024

Digitalisation & ECG Tech Board

A dedicated project on invoicing processes in Finished Vehicle Logistics was launched with around 20 interested members. A questionnaire was prepared and sent around to all ECG members so that we can capture all issues related to raising invoices and receiving payments. The results were presented to the OEMs as well at the last FVL Industry Meeting in October, after which they will be invited to join the reflection process on how to improve the efficiency of invoicing in FVL. The sub-group will soon meet again and decide on the next steps for this project.

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. Please seize this opportunity to shape the digital agenda of ECG and fill in the form. The current contributions will be shared at the next Tech Board meeting in November.

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

Health & Safety

The group presented an escalation process to help resolve safety issues and also proposed legal clause at the Industry Meeting in Hamburg on 24 October. As a next step the process will be published and communicated to all ECG members who are operating trucks.

We would like to kindly remind you to keep reporting on your severe incidents and near misses during loading/unloading in truck operations 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 update since the last month's report.

The next meeting will be in Valencia on 6/7 March 2025. More information will be available closer to the meeting.

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

Quality

The Quality Working Group will have its next meeting on **22 January 2025**. The venue and the timing is still to be confirmed but interested members should save the date already!

The new VDI Guideline on lashing of vehicles on road carriers is still on ECG's agenda and will stay there with the purpose of informing our members best we can. We have [published an interview](#) with the VDI in ECG News and created a [reporting form](#) where road transporters can

report any incidents at police checks or at (un)loading places. All information on the VDI Guideline can be found [on our website](#), which we are complementing when we can. The dedicated sub-group on this subject has also been launched with some interested members so that we can monitor the situation.

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

Sustainability

More than 80 participants, including logistics service providers and OEMs, are registered for the training course [Sustainability and carbon emissions accounting for vehicle logistics](#). Do not miss the opportunity to join too on 19-20 November in Brussels (Tangla Hotel).

The training will support ECG members in the implementation of the ECG-VDA [guideline](#) on emissions calculation and reporting for automotive supply chains and their decarbonisation journey. More information about the training including learning objectives, a detailed schedule and the target audience can be found [here](#). The training is free of charge for ECG Members and kindly supported by ECG Partners [Transporting Wheels](#) as gold sponsor and [Inform](#) as silver sponsor. Register [here](#).

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

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

Rail

ECG has decided to launch a Working Group on rail as this mode of transport has not yet had a circle where related topics can be discussed. Details on the next steps and concrete actions of the group will be shared in due time but if anyone is interested please [fill in the form](#) to let us know.

With any questions or suggestions please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).

Regional Meetings

UK & Ireland

The end-of-year meeting will be held, as usual, in London. The date is 21st November and it will once again be an afternoon meeting with the annual dinner in the evening. Registrations are now open and we already have a record number with many new ECG partners joining.

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

Eastern Region

No further update since the last month's report.

The next meeting will take place in Kaunas, Lithuania on 10 April 2025. More information will be available closer to the meeting.

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

EU Affairs

No updates. Please check last month's report.

FVL Legal Network

No further update since the last month's report.

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

Women in FVL Network

The latest [Women in FVL](#) meeting took place on **22 October** ahead of the ECG Conference 2024 in Hamburg. Around 50 participants discussed on where the industry stands at the moment, challenges and opportunities for the FVL sector. This was followed by a panel discussion generating extremely lively and insightful discussions.

Save the date for the next meeting: 22 May 2025, Cascais, Portugal ahead of the ECG General Assembly and Spring Congress.

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

ECG Quarterly Survey

The Quarterly Survey for Q3 2024 was launched on 1 October and small changes were introduced. The analysis of the Q3 will be available in mid-November. Our latest results are available on our [website](#).