

# Working Groups

## Monthly Roundup

**March 2025**

### **Digitalisation & ECG Tech Board**

The revision of the [FVL digital messages](#) is an on-going project since the publication of the standard in 2020. More and more OEMs are starting use these standardised messages for the communication with their logistics suppliers, especially as far as the Vehicle Transport Order message (and its response), the Vehicle Service Order (and its response) and the Vehicle Transport Status report are concerned. This is the feedback from a short survey ECG ran with the OEMs which have already adopted the messages.

ECG has also run a survey among its members where many responded about their utilisation of the messages. One third of the respondent companies have already been approached by at least one OEM to start using the standardised messages for their communication. The overall feedback on the adoption was rather positive, with a short adaptation period and a positive effect on their business. Most of the responders who are using the messages with at least one OEM partner so far are exploring the possibility to extend this to other partners too. The [survey for the LSPs](#) stays open so that we continue gathering this very useful feedback from the membership. Please discuss internally whether your company filled it in already and, if not, it would be great to receive your input as well (*it is on the Google Forms platform*).

The Tech Board has not stayed idle in the past weeks either: the Fast Lane pilot project organised between three ECG members and partners starts at the beginning of April. We will share the results and lessons learnt as soon as possible. The Tech Board members will gather in July for an in-person meeting at INFORM's premises in Aachen to discuss the potential for application of AI in Finished Vehicle Logistics. This topic will also be high on the agenda of the ECG Spring Congress, held this year in Cascais, on 23 May. [Register now](#), if not yet done so!

For any questions on [Digitalisation](#) and [Tech Board](#), please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).

### **Health & Safety**

No further update since last month's report.

We would like to kindly remind all trucking operators to keep reporting on your severe incidents and near misses during loading/unloading for 2025 and help us to improve drivers' safety. Our Online Incident Reporting website is available [here](#).

The webinar to present the 2024 results will be held in April. More information will be available soon.

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

### **Maritime & Ports**

No further update since last month's report.

The next meeting will take place on 17-18 June in Esbjerg, Denmark. More information will be available closer to the meeting. Registrations will be open in April.

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

## **Quality**

Shipping line members of ECG will gather in April to start discussing about the challenges, observations and any new developments related to loading, storing and unloading Battery Electric Vehicles in maritime transport. The result of this process might be additional guidelines or good practices. Further information will be shared in due course.

The next meeting of the Quality Working Group will be held in June – further information and the confirmed date and venue will be communicated as soon as possible.

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

## **Rail**

The Rail Working Group's first meeting was held on 14 March with the participation of members and partners of ECG. More than 30 people gathered online to discuss the structure of the Rail Initiative and agree next steps. The work will be done in various work packages, which were constituted around the main challenges to Rail, identified in the expert study published by Infront Consulting. Work package 1 will examine the infrastructure bottlenecks in ports and inland terminals: the first workshop will be organised in the beginning of April.

If interested in joining the [Rail Initiative](#) or if you have any questions please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).

## **Sustainability**

No further update since the last month's report.

## **Regional Meetings**

### *UK & Ireland*

The latest meeting of this regional group was held in Solihull on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

The other 2025 meetings will both be held in London. The mid-year one is planned for 30<sup>th</sup> June in conjunction with an ECG board meeting which will allow members of both to come together for a joint dinner on the Monday evening.

The end of year meeting will follow the usual format and be held in London on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November in the afternoon and be followed by a dinner for those who wish to stay on.

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

### *Eastern Region*

No further update since the last month's report.

The next Eastern Regional Meeting will take place in Kaunas, LT on 10 April, kindly sponsored by ECG member Hegelmann Transporte and ECG Partner Rimo. This meeting is open to ECG members and partners who are operating in Eastern Europe.

[Registrations](#) for the meeting are still open.

The agenda for the meeting includes a market update and discussion about the market situation in this part of Europe, presentation on eCMR and the usual update on ECG activities. Access the full agenda [here](#).

More information is available on our [website](#).

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

### **EU Affairs**

On 18 March, ECG's annual Dinner Debate took place in the European Parliament hosted by MEP Alexandr Vondra, a member of the ECR Group and the Committee on the Environment, Climate, and Food Safety in the European Parliament. Industry operators, policymakers, and key stakeholders discussed the increasing administrative burden caused by regulation and the need to adopt a long-term approach for an efficient and resilient supply chain in the FVL sector. Read more about the 2025 ECG Dinner Debate [here](#).

### **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 next meeting of the Women in FVL Network will be on 22 May 2025 (11:00 – 13:00), Cascais, Portugal ahead of the [ECG General Assembly & Spring Congress](#). Registrations are [open](#).

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

### **ECG Quarterly Survey**

No further update since the last month's report.

Next Quarterly Survey will be launched in April.