

July 2025

Digitalisation & ECG Tech Board

ECG organised a well-attended Al-Day, an event around the theme of Artificial Intelligence in Finished Vehicle Logistics, together with our partner company INFORM. The event, moderated by Karol Niznik, SVP Production, Logistics & Procurement of AUTO1, was held in Aachen on 7-8 July and showcased the technical background as well as many examples and use-cases which are already in place in logistics.

The main takeaway of the event was the need for better data quality and more importantly, more data sharing in FVL. A detailed write-up of the event can be found in ECG News.

For any questions on <u>Digitalisation</u> and <u>Tech Board</u>, please contact <u>Szilvi Kiss</u>.

Health & Safety

No further update since the last month's report.

We would like to kindly remind all truck operators to keep reporting on 2025 incidents and help us to improve drivers' safety. Our Online Incident Reporting website is available here.

Members also have an opportunity to use our retailer escalation process when they encounter issues at the retailers. More details are available here.

For more information, or to join the group, contact <u>Jovana Vancevska</u>.

Maritime & Ports

The next meeting will take place on 3-4 September in Hanko, Finland. Registrations for this meeting are now open and all ECG members and partners active in the maritime sector can register now.

The programme will begin with a networking dinner, offering all participants a chance to connect in an informal setting. The meeting will take place on 4 September and will be followed by a tour of the port. More information are available on our <u>website</u>.

For more information about this group contact Jovana Vancevska.

Quality

A group composed of the shipping line members of ECG has been busy in the past months working on a manual on the maritime transport of Battery Electric Vehicles. The final draft document will be soon available for the full Quality Group to review and the publication will happen in the Autumn.

The next meeting will be held in November. More details will follow soon.

In case you need any information on the <u>Quality Group</u> and its activities please contact <u>Szilvi</u> <u>Kiss</u>.

Rail

The Rail Initiative is involving various actors of the FVL ecosystem:

- 1. One stream involves ECG members and partners: there currently the details of the rail tracks on automotive compounds are collected which will be published as a 'rail catalogue', aiming for more transparency and better planning in the FVL industry. The document will be published in the Autumn.
- 2. The other stream is with the OEMs: further operational efficiency gains will be sought together. The first working group meeting was held in the beginning of July.

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.

For more information about the Sustainability working group, please contact Andreea Serbu.

Regional Meetings

UK & Ireland

The latest meeting of this regional group was held in London on 30th June where it was scheduled to co-incide with a meeting of the ECG board. This allowed those who wished to join a dinner with the board in the evening.

The meeting was attended by 18 people and included, as guest speakers, Ben Waller of ICDP and Namrita Chow, ECG's Business Analyst.

The end of year meeting will follow the usual format and be held in London on Thursday 13th 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

The next meeting will take place in Prague, Czech Republic on 11 September 2025. This meeting is open to ECG members and partners who are operating in Eastern Europe. Registrations for the meeting are now open.

The agenda for the meeting includes market update and discussion on the market situation in this part of Europe, presentation on eCMR and regular update on ECG activities.

More information is available on our website.

If you wish to know more about this regional group, please contact Jovana Vancevska.

EU Affairs

The European Commission published a consultation on the Maritime Industrial Strategy. ECG has submitted its formal response highlighting three key priorities for the forthcoming strategy: scaling up alternative fuel production and infrastructure, ensuring that EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) revenues are used for shipping sector and aligning EU rules with international regulations. Read more about the initiative here.

FVL Legal Network

No further update since the last month's report.

If you wish to know more about this network please contact <u>Jovana Vancevska</u>.

Women in FVL Network

The upcoming meeting of the Women in FVL Network is taking place on Thursday, 16 October 2025 in Amsterdam ahead of the <u>ECG Conference 2025</u>. For more information and registration click <u>here</u>.

For more information, please contact Andreea Serbu.

ECG Quarterly Survey

The Quarterly Survey for Q2 2025 is now ongoing and will be closed at the end of July. Results will be available for ECG members in August.