

Working Groups

Monthly Roundup

September 2025

Digitalisation & ECG Tech Board

The European Union plans to put in place standardised digitalisation of invoicing for all B2B transactions by 2030 as an integral part of the VAT in the Digital Age (ViDA) legislation. The European B2B e-invoicing standard ([EN 16931](#)) is currently being developed by CEN in their TC434 Working Groups.

Odette International is registered as an official CEN liaison organisation and is participating in several CEN TC434 Working Groups, to ensure that automotive requirements are covered in the EN 16931 standard. ECG and Odette will, therefore, start a joint project on e-invoicing. Our partnership with Odette gives us the best opportunity to ensure that the specific invoicing requirements of the FVL sector are covered by the standard. If interested in joining this process, please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).

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 [Jovana Vancevska](#).

Maritime & Ports

The latest meeting took place on 3-4 September in Hanko, Finland, with around 30 participants joining the programme. Key topics of discussion included impact of the US tariffs on the maritime sector, capacity challenges and the latest market developments and trends. After the meeting participants also had an opportunity to visit Port of Hanko and gain first hand insights into its operations.

More information are available in our [ECG News article](#).

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

Quality

No further update since the last month's report.

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

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 and since then we cooperate with Infront Consulting on the update of the expert study on the transport by rail in FVL in 2025. It will be published later in the Autumn.

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

Sustainability

The Emissions calculation and reporting guideline v2 will be published in October. The updated version will include results from 6 pilot projects that tested the calculation method and the data structure.

Another initiative of the Sustainability Working Group are the Sustainability Days, scheduled for 4–5 February in Würth, Germany. Further details about this event will be shared in November.

For more information about the Sustainability working group, please contact [Jovana Vancevska](#).

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 latest meeting took place in Prague, Czech Republic, on 11 September 2025, kindly sponsored by ECG member and partners Helicar, Lohr, and ZF.

More than 100 participants joined the first meeting of the year to discuss the latest developments in the finished vehicle logistics sector and the market situation in this part of Europe. The main issues addressed during the meeting were the driver shortage and the implementation of eCMR. After the meeting, participants had the opportunity to network in an informal setting during the social dinner.

Read more about the meeting [here](#).

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

EU Affairs

ECG has submitted its position to the European Commission's call for evidence on Clean corporate vehicles. The Clean corporate vehicles is a policy proposal intended to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) in corporate fleets. Instead of quotas, ECG calls for a framework built on transparency, incentives, and collaboration

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 [Jovana Vancevska](#).

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 [ECG Conference 2025](#). The agenda features a panel discussion on how technology is shaping day to day operations.

For more information and registration click [here](#).

For more information, please contact [Jovana Vancevska](#) .

ECG Quarterly Survey

The Quarterly Survey for Q3 will be launched in October and results will be available in November. The latest result are available on our [website](#).