



Working Groups

Monthly Roundup

January 2026

Digitalisation & ECG Tech Board

ECG is continuing its eInvoicing project with Odette International, and also look into the specificities of eCMR for Finished Vehicle Logistics within a small project group. Further details on these projects will be shared in the next months.

The ECG Tech Board will once again organise an AI-Day in June-July this year, similar to the [event in 2025](#).

If interested in Digitalisation or the Tech Board, 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](#).

The yearly report will be published at the end of Q1 2026.

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 next meeting will take place at the Port of Marseille Fos on 28-29 April 2026. Registrations will open in February and the detailed agenda will be published in March.

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

Quality

The ECG recommendation regarding [information shared on transported vehicles](#) was updated with emission-related information in December 2025. The new version of the document references the joint [ECG-Odette VIN label standard](#) as well – this is a critical tool for sharing information both in human and machine readable formats.

The small OEM group to examine the implementation status and the possibilities for improvement to the text of the ECG-Odette VIN-label standard will re-start its work soon. The standard label supports consistent positioning and information sharing across OEMs, ports and compound operators – ensuring smoother operations, fewer errors and faster vehicle handling.

The Quality Group has started working on good practices for vehicle protection aimed both at OEMs to improve the solutions fitted on the vehicles and also at LSPs to whom good

practices will be suggested to preserve vehicle Quality in the supply chain. The document will be published in Q1-Q2.

The last **Quality meeting** was held on 20-21 January in Antwerp, Belgium, hosted by Antwerp Euroterminal. You can read about the insights coming out of the discussions in the [ECG News article](#).

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

Rail

The new [Rail Catalogue](#), a practical tool that gathers essential information on European automotive compounds equipped with rail tracks, was released in November 2025. For the first time, rail operators, logistics service providers and OEMs can access consistent and centralised data that supports better planning, smoother communication and more reliable rail operations. If you spot any inaccuracies or want to add data on your compounds, please get in touch.

ECG has also cooperated with Infront Consulting to prepare the update of the [Expert study](#) on the state of FVL by Rail. OEM interviews have been conducted jointly to know better the position of OEMs to rail transport, their challenges and needs, as well as their intention to be involved in the Rail Initiative. A joint meeting between the Rail Initiative Steering Committee and the OEMs was held in January. The outcome and next steps will be relayed soon to the members of the Initiative.

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

Sustainability

The Sustainability Days will take place on 4–5 February at the Daimler Truck premises in Wörth, Germany. Register [here](#) for the event.

The program focuses on practical decarbonization, addressing the key challenges the industry faces in adopting sustainable transport solutions and reducing environmental impact in daily operations. Over two days, participants will learn how to measure, report, and reduce emissions across all transport modes and logistics operations. The event will feature expert presentations, real-world case studies, and interactive workshops designed to turn strategy into action.

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

Regional Meetings

Eastern Region

The next meeting will take place in Belgrade, Serbia on 22 April. Further details will be available in January.

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

UK & Ireland

The next meeting of this regional group will be held on 26 February in Solihull.

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

EU Affairs

On 4 December the EU Council adopted the General Approach on the Weights & Dimensions Directive. The Article 8c was introduced which allows vehicle transporters to operate at a 20.75m loaded length across the EU. ECG welcomes efforts of the Danish Presidency to bring the issue forward.

The next step includes negotiations in trialogues with the European Parliament and the Commission – where the tentative timeline for finalisation is June 2026. Once agreement is reached, Member States will have up to 24 months to transpose the directive into national law.

Read more in our [ECG News article](#).

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

FVL Legal Network

No further updates 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 will take place on 4 June in Istanbul ahead of the ECG General Assembly and Spring Congress.

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

ECG Quarterly Survey

No further updates since the last month's report. See the latest results on our [website](#).

ECG Survey website

The ECG Survey website is a regularly updated data platform, where data from ECG members are consolidated to give a complete picture of the automotive compounds in Europe. It also includes European OEM assembly sites for mainly for Cars & LCVs, but Truck & Bus and High & heavy production sites are also listed. It provides twice per year updated production, sales, import and export forecasts provided by S&P Global Mobility. The updates happen in January/February and July/August every year.

Another recent development of the site is the partnership with [ACEA:intelligence](#), the newly launched data-intelligence platform from [ACEA](#). This collaboration, which started in December 2025, brings a significant step forward in our commitment to provide our members with the most accurate and comprehensive automotive-industry information. ACEA:intelligence, the first European source of data insights from the automotive industry, will provide annually updated datasets, including vehicle registrations, emissions or vehicles in operation.

The ECG Survey site is accessible for ECG members for free. Partners and OEMs can access it for a symbolic annual fee. If you have any questions, please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).