



Dinner Debate at the European Parliament: ECG – the Association of European Vehicle Logistics, calls for a paced green transition by focusing on the right enablers

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At the ECG European Parliament Dinner Debate on 5 May 2026 in Brussels, the industry comes together to explore and discuss the practical challenges and opportunities of decarbonising the FVL (Finished Vehicle Logistics) industry and strengthening resilience in times of energy crises. It is also an opportunity to focus on exchange and discuss real-world first-hand experience with logistics service partners and decision-makers.

ECG represents logistics service providers across Europe and has invited automotive and truck manufacturers whose technologies are critical for the transition. Decarbonisation cannot be addressed in isolation. It requires coordination across the entire value chain.

Frank Schnelle, Executive Director, ECG: *“The main challenge is to achieve the transition as quickly and effectively as possible, but without creating unnecessary burdens through additional regulation or quota proposals that do not reflect operational realities. At the same time, strengthening resilience must be part of the equation. Only if shippers, logistics providers and vehicle manufacturers act in a coordinated way can the transition succeed.”*

“As of today, less than 1% of the trucks in the FVL industry are electric, and charging infrastructure remains a major challenge, even with the rollout of the Trans-European Transport Network.”

With the theme “Accelerating Road Transport Decarbonisation: Paving the way forward,” participants will examine practical solutions that both reduce emissions and improve the sector’s ability to respond to disruptions.

ECG calls for a framework that prioritises simplification, consistency and common standards to support this sector’s complex transition towards electrification while maintaining operational stability.

A key element is the use of industry developed tools and a transition path that aligns emissions reduction with efficiency and resilience, at a pace that reflects infrastructure availability, technological maturity and the operational realities of transport operators.

Frank Schnelle: *“ECG has developed concrete enablers for decarbonisation in cooperation with academia, which provide transparency on the costs of reducing emissions, as well as the Emissions Calculation and Reporting Guideline. These tools support companies in taking informed and practical steps.”*

The Dinner Debate is hosted by Beatrice Timgren, Member of the ECR Group and the Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety of the European Parliament. The keynote speaker is Alexander Vlaskamp, CEO at MAN. Levent Yuksel, Freight Operations Director at Jaguar Land Rover, and Jessica Sandström, Vice President at Volvo Trucks, will also speak as industry representatives.

To register for the event, please visit the [ECG webpage](#).

Note to editors:

ECG is the established European platform for the outbound automotive logistics sector bringing together logistics service providers, manufacturer logistics managers and suppliers to the sector. ECG aims to facilitate non-commercial collaboration between member companies and assist them in sharing best practices in many operational areas, especially the harmonisation of operational standards.

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About ECG

ECG, the Association of European Vehicle Logistics, has been the voice of the Finished Vehicle Logistics industry in Europe since 1997. ECG represents the

interests of more than 200 member companies and partners, from family-owned SMEs to multi-nationals, and is the major champion of the European vehicle logistics sector.

ECG represents all transport models at EU level- road, rail, maritime and fluvial. ECG members provide transport, distribution, storage, preparation, and post-production services to manufacturers, importers, car rental companies, and vehicle leasing operators in the 27 Member States of the European Union as well as Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and beyond. They own or operate more than 470 car-carrying ships, 14,000 purpose-built railway wagons, 23 river barges, and 26,000 road transporters. As a major employer, the finished vehicle logistics sector plays an important role in contributing to the economic success of the European Union. Today, ECG members have an aggregate turnover of €21.3bn and their economic impact on companies associated with the sector is estimated at €56bn. **More than 210,000 Europeans are employed directly by our members.**

