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## Briton Mark Hindley is the new chairman of the European Car Logistics Association (ECG)

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Nieuw bestuur ECG met derde van links voorzitter Mark Hindley, ernaast Marco Duato Mollera © 2026 ECG

**After ten years, Wolfgang Göbel (Mosolf) is handing over the chairmanship of the ECG to Mark Hindley (BCA) from the UK. Board member Marc Adriansens (ICO) is making way for Jurgen Vanhove (ICO). At the same time, European automotive logistics professionals are looking forward to global**

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The ECG General Assembly in Istanbul also marked the end of an era: Wolfgang Göbel (63) stepped down as chairman after ten years. After twenty-four years, he is also leaving the board of directors to devote himself fully to the final chapter of his career as commercial director of the German car transport group Mosolf. “It has been a fantastic period, for which I am grateful to the other directors, staff and, above all, the members, because they are what make the association great. The member companies pay their membership fees and send their best people to the working groups and the board: for me, that is the heart of ECG.”

The European Car Logistics Association (ECG) was founded in 1997 and, under Göbel’s leadership, grew to more than two hundred member companies from across the European continent. SMEs and multinationals alike are represented across all modes of transport: from shipping, road, rail and inland waterways to all logistics services for the finished vehicle sector. Together, they have at their disposal, among other things, twenty-six thousand lorries, fourteen thousand railway wagons and nearly five hundred car carriers.

### A German, a Neapolitan and a Londoner

Göbel’s decade-long presidency was marked by one upheaval after another. “In 2020 came the Covid pandemic, followed by the shortage of chips for the automotive industry, trade wars, disruption of the balance between European and Chinese car manufacturers, and various geopolitical conflicts. Through cooperation, our association emerged stronger from each of these crises”

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“I am proud of our collaboration, in which our differences are precisely our strength,” says his predecessor and close friend Costantino Baldissara (Grimaldi Group). “I used to joke that Wolfgang was more the feisty Neapolitan and I the calculating German. We were complemented by the London flair of our then director Mike Sturgeon. As this era draws to a close, we are rightly appointing Wolfgang as honorary chairman.”

## Experienced in the automotive sector

A board member for eight years and vice-chairman for two: Mark Hindley (61) has been elected as the new chairman. The Briton began his career in 1989 at Ford and held various roles in distribution and logistics within the automotive sector. Since 2016, he has focused at BCA Group on business development and liaising with car manufacturers regarding supply chains for new and used cars.

“Our sector is experiencing the most exciting times of my career, with the greatest changes in technology and trade flows. This creates many obstacles for automotive logistics, but also opportunities. With my extensive experience, I want to provide leadership so that we can make the right choices,” promises Hindley.

## Belgian change

Hindley has been appointed for a two-year term, as has the new vice-chairman Marco Duato Mollera (54), managing director of the Spanish company Suardiaz Shipping Lines. The other board members will serve a one-year term. They represent all sectors of finished



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The sole Belgian board member, the chairman of International Car Operators Marc Adriansens (69), is making way for Jurgen Vanhove (53), who joined ICO (again) in September as CEO of ICO Terminals and general manager of NYK Automotive Logistics. Following the departure of Wolfgang Göbel, the German company Mosolf will continue to be represented by newcomer Tobias Spannbauer (Mosolf).

The renewed ECG board of directors also comprises Frenchman Serge Agneray (Groupe Charles André), Spaniard Artur Allende (Noatum Automotive), Italian Costantino Baldissara (Grimaldi Group), Swedish Mats Eriksson (AXESS Logistics), Turkish Ceren Eker Güven (ANT Lojistik), Turkish Ömer Gürsoy (Gürsoy Group), Austrian Johannes Alexander Hödlmayr (Hödlmayr International AG), Lithuanian Neringa Jasiulioniene (MANVESTA), Norwegian Jørgen Lindgaard (UECC), Greek Nikos Paterakis (Neptune Lines) and German Axel Krichel (BLG).

## Keeping pace with globalisation

A key focus for the new leadership is the shift in the centre of gravity of automotive production towards Asia. “We are a European organisation, but we must set our sights on the world,” says executive director Frank Schnelle. “We have been in dialogue with the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM) for several years now and, this spring, visited Chinese car factories and a major trade fair with a group of members.”

“Last year, in the emerging market of the Middle East, we visited the United Arab Emirates, and in November



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month, in June, we also have a meeting in India, which, with 1.47 billion inhabitants and still low car ownership, offers great potential.”

There is no ambition to establish a global association, says Schnelle. “But given the globalisation of the business, we need to build a worldwide network from a European perspective to agree on operational norms and standards in the interests of quality and safety, amongst other things. In the past, for example, we have collaborated on this with the American Automotive Industry Action Group (AIAG).”

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