



Q3 - October 2026

Mode of transport:

Maritime & Ports

The ECG Maritime & Ports Working Group met in Amsterdam on 29 September 2026. More than 30 participants joined to discuss important developments in the maritime sector, with a particular focus on the reliability of Ro-Ro vessel schedules. Hosted by the Port of Amsterdam, the meeting included an overview of the port's long-term Vision 2040, which aims to promote clean shipping, circular industry and renewable energy. Members also reviewed nine months of vessel tracking and schedule data, highlighting challenges with inconsistent and unreliable schedule information. These changes can significantly affect vehicle logistics operations by impacting compound capacity, workforce planning and road and rail transport bookings. The meeting concluded with discussions on the potential benefits of standardising Ro-Ro schedule information and strengthening cooperation across the industry to make maritime vehicle logistics more efficient and predictable.

The next meeting will take place on 22-23 March in Tanger, Morocco. More information will be available closer to the meeting.

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

Rail

The sub-group on damages in Rail have started its work and will develop a Rail loading guideline with focus on both safety and Quality aspects. Besides this, the work on Rail contract management and the key features of Rail loading sites is ongoing.

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

Trucking Steering Committee

Launched in July 2026, the Trucking Steering Committee laid the foundations for a new series of projects and initiatives aimed at enhancing the efficiency and sustainability of Finished Vehicle Logistics.

Key priorities include strengthening OEM commitment on volumes to improve forecasting and capacity planning, updating the National Legislation Guide for Car Transporters, and supporting initiatives designed to improve truck drivers' working conditions and overall trucking efficiency.

Working groups:

Digitalisation & Tech Board

No further updates since last Quarter's report.

If interested in Digitalisation or the Tech Board, please contact [Szilvi Kiss](#).

Health & Safety

Eight years after its launch, the Health & Safety Working Group has expanded its scope to include the investigation of incidents in the rail and shipping sectors, in addition to its existing activities. The Group will work closely with the other Working Groups to monitor, report, and address incidents and near misses across all transport modes.

The Working Group is also strengthening external partnerships and exploring collaboration opportunities with a range of organizations, with several joint initiatives and projects already in development. For more information, or to join the group, contact [Filippo Griffi](#).

High & Heavy Defence

Following the kick-off meeting held in Brussels on 15 July, the Working Group developed a clear one-year programme aimed at preparing ECG to engage with the main European and international defence bodies, while bringing its members up to speed on defence-related topics, ongoing European initiatives and emerging opportunities. At the same time, the Group is seeking partnerships with other associations that recognise the strategic importance of logistics in responding to the rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape.

For more information, or to join the group, contact [Filippo Griffi](#).

Quality

ECG is taking part in the international project, coordinated by the World Shipping Council aimed at developing practical industry guidelines to support implementation of the newly approved IMO requirements for offering vehicles for maritime transport, specifically SP 980 and revised SP 961 and SP 962 under IMDG Code Amendment 43-26. The intention is to transform these regulatory requirements, together with relevant adjacent requirements and industry supplementation, into practical and standardised procedures for the shipment of vehicles onto both vehicle carriers and containerships, covering all types of vehicles (ICE, EV, new, used, etc.). ECG's shipping line and port operator members, as well as OEMs will take part in this project which aims to finish by next May.

The next Quality Working Group meeting is scheduled for 4 November in Brussels. [Register now!](#)

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

Sustainability

The Sustainability Working Group will focus on two key projects. Together with the Global RoRo Community, it will work towards developing a common standard for Onshore Power Supply (OPS) for RoRo operations. The project will examine the technical and operational requirements for connecting RoRo vessels to shore-side electricity while in port, with the aim of identifying common specifications and practices across ports, terminals and vessel operators.

In parallel, the group will work with Smart Freight Centre (SFC) to support the transition to electric trucks in outbound automotive logistics. This will include practical guidance for OEMs and logistics providers and the aggregation and mapping of charging demand to help identify where infrastructure is needed.

The next Sustainability days will take place on 21-22 June in Munich, Germany at the MAN premises. More information will be available closer to the event and registrations will open soon.

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

Networks:

FVL Legal Network

The Legal Network met on 23 September in Brussels.

The members agreed on a project roadmap covering both collaboration with other groups, such as High & Heavy Defence, Rail and Trucking, and the further development of key topics, including competition and antitrust law and road transport contracts.

If you wish to know more about this network, please contact [Filippo Griffi](#).

Regional Meetings

Eastern Region

The latest Eastern Europe Regional Meeting took place in September, bringing the members to Koper, Slovenia.

Strategically located at the heart of the Mediterranean and European transport network, the Port of Koper serves as a vital gateway connecting global maritime routes with the industrial heartland of Central and Eastern Europe, combined with strong rail connectivity and access to the Baltic-Adriatic and Mediterranean TEN-T corridors.

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

UK & Ireland

The latest meeting of this regional group was held on 9th July and was hosted by Bristol Port. The usual end of year meeting will once again be held in London on Thursday 19th November.

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

Women in FVL Network

The next meeting will take place ahead of ECG Conference in Copenhagen on 15 October. More than 50 participants will join this meeting and the agenda will include panel discussion addressing the current challenges in.

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

Regulatory developments:

EU Affairs

No further updates since last Quarter's report.

ECG is closely monitoring several EU-level developments that are expected to have a direct impact on the Finished Vehicle Logistics sector.

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

Other updates:

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.

The site provides twice per year updated production, sales, import and export forecasts provided by GlobalData, the new information partner of ECG. The latest update of the forecast data has been done in October.

The automotive statistics data is sourced from ACEA: Intelligence – the last update was done in September.

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

Quarterly Survey

The latest results for Q2 2026 are available on our [website](#). In October the Survey for Q3 2026 will be open for all ECG members and results will be published in November.