

The Association of European Vehicle Logistics

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PRESS RELEASE

<u>ECG – The Association of European Vehicle Logistics announces graduation of Course 11 of the ECG Academy</u>

Twenty students receive Certificate in Automobile Logistics Management

Twenty young professionals graduated from Course 11 of the ECG Academy and were awarded the prestigious Certificate in Automobile Logistics Management at the ECG Spring Congress & General Assembly



ECG Treasurer Costantino Baldissara, Grimaldi Group presenting the award to Simone Mullazzani, also of Grimaldi Group

on 18th May in Malta. They now join the ranks of more than 200 Academy Alumni who have achieved this.

The ECG Academy was developed in response to demand for specialist training for middle managers working in the finished vehicle logistics sector. The course is fully accredited and unique in the industry. The Certificate is an essential qualification for young managers in the sector and allows them to deliver the highest possible standard of services to their customers.

The course takes place over 5 modules and at least 24 days with a combination of intensive practice oriented training and

classroom work. These modules are held at different locations around Europe to give the participants insight into the practical realities of the different elements that make up vehicle logistics, as well as the regional variations across Europe.

The lectures are given by a combination of academic staff from various Universities across Europe, as well as senior practicing logistics professionals and suppliers from the sector. The outcome is therefore an excellent, balanced combination of theoretical training in logistics disciplines and practical examples from the sector.

The course was originally designed and run by the Executive Education arm of the European Business School and today it is managed under contract to ECG by the Education Unit of KPMG. Each year one student receives the distinction of being awarded the Giovanni Paci award for Best Student. This year the honour went to Simone Mullazzani of the Grimaldi Group.

Registrations for <u>Course 12 of the Academy</u> are now open and the course will begin at the ECG Annual Conference in October in Brussels, BE.

Note to editors:

ECG's Spring Congress & General Assembly was held on 18th/19th May at the Grand Hotel Excelsior in Malta.

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Background for the Editors

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 100 member companies, from family owned SMEs to multinationals, and is the major champion of the European vehicle logistics sector. ECG represents all transport modes 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 28 Member States of the European Union as well as Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, Russia, Ukraine and beyond. They own or operate more than 508 car-carrying ships, 16,000 purpose-built railway wagons, 25 river barges and more than 22,134 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. ECG members have an aggregate turnover of around €27.1bn and their economic impact on companies associated with the sector is estimated at €64.4bn. More than 116,000 Europeans are employed directly by the vehicle logistics industry and an additional 294,239 are indirectly employed in this sector.