



## The Association of European Vehicle Logistics

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#### **ECG celebrates 20 years at the helm of the European vehicle logistics sector**

#### **100<sup>th</sup> member reinforces ECG's role as platform for the industry**

ECG – The Association of European Vehicle Logistics is proud to announce its twentieth year as the leading voice of the European vehicle logistics sector. The Association had the pleasure to commemorate this momentous anniversary along with over 250 of its members, supporters and industry friends at a special event in the Autoworld Museum in Brussels on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Keynote speakers included European Commissioner for Transport, Violeta Bulc, and Erik Jonnaert, Secretary General of ACEA.

Acknowledging the importance of the Association Commissioner Bulc urged ECG and its members to be the drivers of change and to let their voices be heard at national level, in particular on the issue of e-documents. She called for the creation of a digital platform to underpin the transport industry declaring that she wished “to see a seamless deployment of digital e-tolling systems”. ECG is a longstanding supporter of digital documents and most recently published a [joint statement](#) with IRU on e-CMR (electronic consignment note) especially targeted at gaining acceptance for it in Germany.

Speaking at the event ECG President Wolfgang Göbel announced that its membership has reached the milestone number of 100 member companies. The latest member of the Association of European Vehicle Logistics, MOSTVA, a Polish transport company, is already the fourth new member to join ECG in 2017. This steady climb in membership numbers and indeed strong support from the membership in general allows the finished vehicle logistics sector to effectively speak with one voice.

Established as a non-profit making organisation in 1997 to promote the interests of the car carrier operators, ECG is now the established platform for the automotive logistics sector bringing together logistics service providers, manufacturer logistics managers and suppliers to the sector.

Today ECG members have an aggregate direct turnover of around 27.1 billion euros. More than 116,000 Europeans are employed directly by the vehicle logistics industry and an additional 294.239 are indirectly employed in the sector. They own or operate 508 car-carrying ships, 16,000 purpose-built railway wagons, 25 river barges and 22,134 specialist road transporters.

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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.