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ECTA Responsible Care Workshop 2019



On September 12th ECTA again organized its annual ECTA Responsible Care Workshop in Brussels. With about 50 participants, it is the RC event within Chemical Logistics that regular participants have come to appreciate. The ECTA Technical & Responsible Care Committee and ECTA's Evert de Jong did invite interesting speakers for the workshop and the occasion was once more highly appreciated by all. During the day there was a balance of safety and sustainability subjects, all presented in a very pragmatic way. For the first time ECTA also used an audience interaction tool to poll opinions and subject appreciation. The occasion was also used to obtain input for ECTA's RC revitalization program.



The RC workshop presentations have already been shared with all participants. The publication on the ECTA public website will follow in January 2020. Any recommendations the reader may have for the next ECTA RC Workshop are welcome.

Don't hesitate to share and like our ECTA RC movie of the workshop. Many thanks 😊

<https://youtu.be/TJEFHvFcLOM>



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SQAS Task Force

During recent months Cefic and ECTA have continued their discussions in this forum and jointly formulated action points to take SQAS several steps forward. Since SQAS is an intrinsic tool for the implementation of Responsible Care in Logistics, the well-being and further development of SQAS, is of vital importance to ECTA and its members. Much time and effort were put in working out the Task Force's action points. Most of this work has been done out of view for the most stakeholders (chemical producers and LSP's), but during recent months the results could be clearly seen in proposals and even implementations of changes, amendments or expansions of the system. Over the past few months, ECTA has supported Cefic's active SQAS promotion initiatives towards Chemical companies. An SQAS Workshop will be held by Cefic for representatives of chemical companies later this year and another Cefic initiative has started to revitalize the Responsible Care program in Europe and Russia. The ECTA T&RC Committee, coordinated by Evert de Jong, has been involved in a revision of the ECTA RC templates in the SQAS Core and specific modules TS, TC and WH. The Core and TS templates are available integrated in the questionnaires published at www.sqas.org.



ECTA Responsible Care 2025

We earlier reported that as part of celebrating the 10th anniversary of ECTA's Responsible Care program, we have planned an important modernizing action of our Responsible Care *Scope, Charter, Commitment Document, Member Agreement, KPI Forms and Annual Improvement Plans*.

Some examples of factors which will be addressed more concisely in this revision are:

- The ever-growing importance of emission limitations
- The urgent matter of controlling plastic waste worldwide
- New safety & compliance regulations and the importance of having ZERO injury incidents

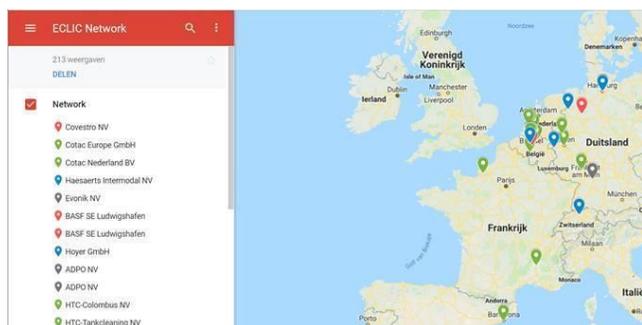
During the 2019 ECTA Annual Meeting, this new ECTA Responsible Care 2025 Charter will be presented, which will include our vision on the targets we set for the next 5 years. The new Responsible Care Commitment Document for our members will also be available during the next meeting in Düsseldorf on November 14th. All other ECTA RC documents are planned to be finished by year end for distribution to our Responsible Care members and for publishing on ECTA's website.

As part of the ECTA Responsible Care 2025 project, the ECTA Board has decided to amend the ECTA RC KPI Reporting rules per 1 January 2020. The 2019 KPI Reports must be sent in latest by 31st January 2020 and the sanction for late reporting has now been strengthened: RC Member Companies that have not sent in their KPI Reports for the previous year by 30th of April the following year will be removed from the active RC members list.



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The digital eECD moves forward in 2020



Early September, the ECLIC board meeting, with 3 ECTA board representatives, was held in Brussels, reviewing the latest status of the digital EFTCO Cleaning Document and eECD project. The 360° degree ECLIC Board project review indicated that the eECD pilot phase has been successfully completed in Q1 and that the digital eECD process is meanwhile fully operational and in “production use” since May 2019. Therefore, the eECD Project received from the ECLIC board and the 4 associations Cefic-essencia, ECTA, EFTCO full endorsement to move forward with its production roll out across the countries Belgium, Germany, France and the Netherlands in 2020. Up to Q3 2019, about 20 different companies spread over more than 25 cleaning and loading locations have joined the eECD company network and more than 150 active users are already registered on the eECD Platform to exchange data and collaborate through the new digital eECD process.

A link to the mid-September ECLIC newsletter can be found [here](#) and a link and interactive search to the latest eECD company network can be found ([here](#)).

Also note that VNCI is organizing an eECD Workshop in the Apollo Hotel, Stationsplein 14, 4811 BB Breda on October, 16 2019. For info please contact peter.devos@ecta.com

Driver availability & qualification

The Cefic-ECTA driver availability & qualification workgroup continues its efforts and gathers its final findings to prepare for a final best practice guideline write up. However, the workgroup itself incurred some delay over summer due to extra new workload and the need to reprioritize some workload/projects. Given the recent economic downturn and less pressures on truck driver availability, the publication of the ECTA-Cefic driver availability & qualification guideline and findings has temporarily been deferred till Q1 2020. We apologize for the delay but will keep you posted on the further progress made on this important topic.

Further to this topic of truck driver shortage at EU level please note that ECTA-Cefic reached out to IRU Brussels to emphasize the importance of driver shortage and qualification from a cross-sectorial and EU point of view. Meanwhile IRU initiated a workgroup and the latest IRU news can be found [here](#).



IRU picture

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New ECTA workgroup to improve 'end to end' Supply Chain Visibility in Bulk Liquids

As already announced to all ECTA members in second half of September, the ECTA board agreed to launch a new ECTA workgroup to **improve Supply Chain Visibility within Bulk liquid flows** in Q4 2019. This ECTA workgroup aims to develop an **ECTA Transport Date and Message Definition Framework to improve "end to end Supply Chain Visibility and Collaboration across the Chemical Logistics Bulk Liquid actors**. More specifically, the goal of this initiative is to create common ETA, ETL, ETD.... transport message definitions to improve supply chain visibility and real-time information exchange across the chemical supply chain. The initiative aims to provide a framework of common definitions for all involved business partners in the logistics chain to allow digital information sharing, as well as working on an interoperable underlying technology format. Next to better communications and a smarter operational interoperability, this ECTA Transport Message definitions framework will lead to optimization of inbound and outbound logistics flows and will therefore be beneficial to all actors in the chemical supply chain.

The ECTA workgroup team members consists of experts from Den Hartogh, Bertschi, Hoyer, GCA, Rinnen and Alfred Talke transports and participation is on purpose restricted to transport companies as a start. The workgroup will be kicked off early November and the output will be shared with the Shippers and IT solutions providers as soon as the framework is ready for further validation. Objective is to share a first version of the transport date and message definition framework and guideline before end Q1 2020.

In case of questions about this workgroup, feel free to contact peter.devos@ecta.com.

You can find more details about the ECTA workgroup, its project scope and deliverables in the project charter document [here](#).

ECTA Annual Meeting 2019 Thursday 14th of November in Düsseldorf

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of ECTA held in the hotel Hyatt Regency Dusseldorf.

The ECTA Annual Meeting (10:30 – 23:00) will be preceded by the **Annual Ordinary General Meeting for all ECTA member companies** (09:30 – 10:00).

A **Networking Cocktail** and a **Dinner** will be organized in the evening of 14 November.

[For more information & registration please click here.](#)

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ECTA events offer you a high-level forum where the owners, CEO's and top managers of the chemical/transport industry come together and network to share their practical knowledge and "hands-on" best practices on safety, sustainability, human resources, security and efficiency in chemical transport.