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ECTA releases Annual Report 2023 and RC Report 2022

In 2023, the chemical transport and logistics sector faced several geopolitical conflicts around the world which had an immediate and significant impact on the social and economic life in all EU countries, according to the ECTA annual report.

ECTA members experienced declining and unpredictable transportation volumes, fluctuating fuel prices and high inflation rates. At the same time, Europe's sustainability trend towards decarbonization of transport & logistics and the trend of digitalisation continued to progress.

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In 2023, several sustainability-related documents were published, including ISO 14083, the GLEC Framework 3.0, and EU Directives.

As sustainability remains a key focal point for the next decade, ECTA launched its Zero Emissions Knowledge Platform where information and expertise about sustainability solutions and trends are shared.

Additionally, as part of the ECTA Responsible care programme, ECTA RC working group organised, for the first time in 2023, several free sustainability webinars focusing on zero emission best practices.

In 2023, ECTA continued its efforts around driver shortage, which remains a structural problem in the years to come. During the year, the ECTA Drivers App was developed with a pilot group of ECTA working group companies and truck drivers encouraged to rate loading/unloading locations.

In Q4 2023, this ECTA Driver App was rolled out to all ECTA members, and results are expected in the second half of 2024.

The ECTA digitalisation workgroup continued their efforts towards more common industry data definitions and digital standards.
In 2023, the ECTA digitalisation WG assisted in the publication of the ITCO best practice guideline on overseas transport visibility for bulk liquids.

The ECTA digitalisation WG also organised its first 2 digitalisation webinars to promote the use of the existing ECTA digital standards published since 2019.

In addition, ECLIC successfully launched its new electronic EFTCO Cleaning Document 2.0 industry solution. This eECD 2.0 digital industry standard will gradually replace the former paper ECD standard and the digital eECD 2.0 solution is now ready to be used by all stakeholders from Q4 2023.