



Legal Circle of the OLF

Impact Hub for legal transformation in logistics

What is Open Logistics Foundation?

International, diverse, collaborative community

- Established in 2021 by Rhenus, Dachser, DB Schenker, and duisport as **non-profit and common benefit**
- **More than 60** members and network partners from 18 countries work together based on trust and fair play
- A **neutral partner for collaboration**, fostering jointly developed, free **open source solutions** for the logistics of tomorrow
 - Why jointly? Many digitalisation efforts fail at company borders. But, just as logistics operates in networks, so should digitalisation!
- Lays the **technical foundation for interoperability** with building blocks at the commodity level. Solutions are for everyone, regardless of company size or location.





Our focus is 100% logistics

Collaborative solutions

Logistics challenges require teamwork, especially for end-to-end supply chains

Open community

Our strength is our open and diverse community

Member-driven approach

All topics are driven by member needs and worked on jointly

Coopetition in focus

We focus on commodities, not on market-differentiating features

Free & open source repository access

All results are published in our repository and free to use for everyone

Open source is our tool to finally digitalise the industry

OLF's community provides the perfect setting to jointly focus on commodities.

Our approach

Our impact

OLF community

Open source
collaboration

Shared
development

Reusable
commodities &
standards

Industry
innovation

Why this works

- **Frictionless reuse** allows the industry to build once and use many times
- **Shared costs and risks** reduce the barriers to investment
- Openness **accelerates the development** of shared standards and solutions
- **Transparency** builds trust and interoperability across stakeholders
- Shared commodities generate **economic and social impact** by enabling faster industry-wide digitalisation

We see digitalisation as team effort across disciplines

If one is missing, we will fail.

Technical

Status: Established

Build a shared digital infrastructure for logistics at the commodity level through open standards, common data models, and open source reference implementations.

Organisational

Status: Established

Collaborate across member companies to develop, test, validate, and implement the interoperable solutions created through our technical work.

Legal

Status: Now in progress – with the Legal Circle!

Enable the trusted & reliable adoption and scaling of these solutions through shared legal knowledge and common legal frameworks.



We need to bundle expertise in law

We found the Legal Circle (LC) as:

- A strategic circle designed to bring together legal experts from member companies in a trusted environment to exchange opinions on and prepare for regulative changes.
- An impact-driven expert platform, in alignment with the core topics of OLF and their ambition to scale.
- A dedicated space to:
 - Transform legal expertise into practical guidance
 - Exchange perspectives and common challenges
 - Share best practices and find joint solutions for time-consuming pain points.



Our goal: creating impact and trust

Targets of the Legal Circle

Through alignment with the OLF's topics, our aim is to:

- Support technical developments of OLF members by answering legal questions for robust and practical solutions
- Develop shared interpretations, guidelines and recommendations for the legally compliant integration of the OLF's work within companies
- Identify legal barriers to scaling early
- Accelerate market penetration by proactively addressing legal uncertainties

Our first focus is on
[Electronic Transport Documents.](#)



Who should join?



In-house legal teams

Supporting digital transformation within logistics companies.



Transport law firms

Contributing legal expertise – broad or specialized – and shaping industry interpretation.



Digitalisation regulation experts

Helping navigate emerging legislation and compliance.

We welcome diverse legal perspectives
across the logistics ecosystem.

What's in for you?

There are plenty reasons to join.

- Gain early insights into and exchange perspectives on legislative developments and discuss challenges with a trusted peer group
- Contribute to industry standards, joint recommendations and collaboratively-developed guidance
- Develop shared building blocks, checklists and best practices that reduce duplicated efforts
- Position yourself as a thought leader, contribute to industry dialogue, and expand your network

Legal certainty leads to faster implementation.
Join us in achieving this.



Legal Circle, in a nutshell

Here's what you can expect



Format

Virtual, collaborative sessions designed for discussion and joint development



Leadership

Facilitated by Dr. David Saive, LL.M., (Tug & Tow / OLF) and Carina Tüllmann (OLF)



Framework

A trusted environment, where all discussions are conducted in full compliance with competition law



Our members

Our Working Groups

Our fees and conditions

[View membership details](#) to learn about fees, conditions, and how to apply.



Join our growing Innovation Community and the Legal Circle



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