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Dear Members and Friends of ESPORG,

Welcome to the October edition of INTRANSIT!

It has been a busy month! This month we want to highlight the launch of the 2023 call for the ESPORG Excellence in Truck Parking Award as well as the success of our recent CEF Workshop.

We also want to update you about our recent activities, which include presentations and collaborations with some major organisations within transport, and keep our readers in the loop regarding recent policy decisions: the European Parliament report on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure.

In addition, we want to let you know about a few projects ESPORG has been working on, including the launch of a new interactive map so that users can find quickly and efficiently all the information they need about safe and secure parking areas.

Make sure you read our 'ESPORG News' section so you can attend all the upcoming fairs, workshops and webinars and learn from any initiatives or courses we will be planning.

Finally, we would like to warmly welcome our new associated member CV Charging Europe as well as new members Pinzler Lux in Luxembourg and Atalaya in Spain. We look forward to making the logistics industry safer and more secure with you!

Best wishes,

Dirk Penasse



THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ADOPTED ITS REPORT

The European Parliament plenary adopted (19 October) its report (https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-9-2022-0234_EN.html) on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure, with 486 votes in favour and 65 against. According to the EP's position, the number of electric recharging stations for heavy-duty vehicles should be increased on the core network for 2025 and 2030, and an interim target for 2027 should be introduced for safe and secure truck parking areas (SSTPAs). The role of SSTPAs will become key, as they provide an ideal location for drivers to recharge

or refuel their vehicles while taking their rest. For reminder, the ESPORG has just started an e-Parking expert group, with the participation of members and key outside partners, with the objective to exchange good practices, discuss priority topics and make appropriate proposals.

The European Parliament proposal will now be forwarded to the Council with the objective to reach an agreement, which can reasonably be expected by the end of the current year.



APPLY TO BECOME THE BEST EUROPEAN TRUCK PARKING: APPLICATIONS ARE MOST WELCOME BY 10 FEBRUARY 2023

ESPORG, together with its public and private partners, from the European Commission, International Transport Forum, ACEA, IRU, CLECAT, ECG, ESC, UETR, TVM, Dekra and Truckerslife, launches the 2023 edition of its Excellence in Truck Parking Award.

On October 11, 2022, ESPORG, the European Secure Truck Parking Organisation, with its public and private partners, from the European Commission, ITF, ACEA, CLECAT, ECG, ESC, UETR, TVM, Dekra and Truckerslife, launched the 2023 edition of its Excellence in Truck Parking Award, with the objective to promote safety, security, quality, connectivity and care in providing services to professional truck drivers when using safe and secure truck parking areas.

The aim of the European Truck Parking Award is to promote excellence and to help spread good practices in view of improving safety, security and quality of services offered by truck parking operators to professional truck drivers, and, by doing so, to enhance the attractiveness and appeal of the driver profession to an increasingly diverse and wider public, including young people and women.

Michael Nielsen, President of ESPORG, said: "We are proud to launch this new edition of the Award, which aims at showcasing and promoting the best among our truck parking operators, and by the same token, contribute to resolutely improving the working conditions of professional lorry drivers across Europe. The novelty this year is that our international jury will decide on two winners – one for small and one for large truck parking areas, thus democratising the process and opening the possibility for everyone to win."

As a reminder, in 2022 the French Truck Etape Béziers (https://www.trucketape-beziers.com/) parking facility was voted **European Truck Parking of the Year.** In particular, the jury commended the completeness and excellence of the winner's service offer to drivers and attention to the smallest details, including environment, health, recreation, affordability, and indeed individual care to every single driver.







EXCELLENCE IN TRUCK PARKING AWARD





Candidates can be small (up to 50 spaces) and large (more than 50 spaces) public and private truck parking areas, as well as road transport companies operating truck parking facilities, which have been audited and already satisfy one of the four levels of the EU-Parking Standard – Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum. They must prepare a dossier in the English language and submit it by 10 February 2023. The winners and runners up will be unveiled at a public ceremony in March 2022.

"The ESPORG Award supports the EU standards for safe and secure truck parking areas, whilst at the same time promoting the best among them. We want to contribute further to their uptake in Europe and beyond, whilst at the same time rewarding the abundance of excellence, which already exist in our business, and incentivise others to follow – all this for the benefit of both parking operators and drivers alike", concluded Dirk Penasse, ESPORG's General Manager.

For additional information, please contact:

- Dirk Penasse at d.penasse@esporg.eu.
- See the Award's rules and criteria at www.esporg.eu/awards.
- Apply by making use of ESPORG's electronic submission form at www.esporg. eu/awards/apply or by e-mail at awards@esporg.eu

The members of ESPORG's international jury are: Vlad Gheorghe, Member of the European Parliament, Inès MAILLART, DG MOVE of the European Commission, Elene SHATBERASHVILI, International Transport Forum (ITF), Constantino CANU, CLECAT, Thomas Fabian, ACEA, Mike STURGEON, ECG, Carlo GIRO, IRU, Marco DIGIOIA, UETR, Peter Paul RUSCHIN, DEKRA, Anna KUZYNIN, TRUCKERSLIFE, Godfried SMIT, European Shippers Council, and Marc van GROOTEL, TVM.

ESPORG PRESENTS TO ITF AND TO LANDSEC

On 7 October Dirk and Frederic from ESPORG presented the status quo on the EU Delegated Regulation and CEF funding opportunities from the perspective of parking operators at the International Transport Forum (ITF) at the OECD in Paris. The ITF is an intergovernmental organisation with 63 member countries.

It was an excellent opportunity to present the current developments in our sector and discuss it with the delegates from the ITF . We thank the ITF secretariat for their support and welcome their participation in the ESPORG award for the best truck parking area, which is an excellent continuation of the now established cooperation.

On 19 October Dirk Penasse, General Manager of ESPORG presented the European Secure Parking Organisation (ESPORG) to the Expert Group on Land Transport Security (LANDSEC) from the European Commission. Topic points included the accomplishments and current activities of ESPORG as well as a focus on CEF Funding and CEF-funded projects. The presentation also included discussion points about continued and future collaboration between ESPORG and LANDSEC.

We thank LANDSEC for the invitation and for listening to pertinent points regarding safe and secure truck parking areas. We expect to further collaborate and exchange topical information in the months ahead.



GETTING EU FUNDING FOR TRUCK PARKINGS

Brussels, 13 October 2022

HOW TO GET EU FUNDING FOR SAFE AND SECURE TRUCK PARK-ING AREAS

On October 13, 2022, ESPORG, the European Secure Truck Parking Organisation, in partnership with the European Commission services and CINEA, the European Climate Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency, organised a dedicated workshop for some 215 registrants on how to obtain EU funding under the just launched (13 September) 2022 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) funding call. Applications are due by 13 January 2023.

This 2022 CEF Transport call for proposals makes EUR 5.12 billion available for projects targeting new upgraded and improved European transport infrastructure, of which around EUR 250 million will be allocated to upgrade and/or build safe and secure truck parking areas, meeting the new EU truck parking standards. Similarly to last year's call, EUR 100 million will be allocated from the General envelope (https:// ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ cef-t-2022-safemobgen-parkings-works) EUR 150 million from the Cohesion envelope (https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/ opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/ topic-details/cef-t-2022-safemobcoen-parkings-works).

Dirk Penasse, ESPORG's General Manager, said: "Over the years, ESPORG has established itself as the knowledge powerhouse when it comes to safe and secure truck parking areas. At this workshop, we wanted to share our unique expertise with as many candidate applicants as possible, so that the largest possible number of high-quality applications can be submitted, using up the available EU funding to the last cent. Interested applicants are most welcome to contact us to get additional advice."

At the workshop:

- Inès Maillart, from DG MOVE, presented the new EU truck parking standards;
- Martin Bouska, from CINEA, explained the details and conditions applicable to this year's CEF call, including lessons learned from previous calls;
- Frédéric Maas, from ESPORG, shared his knowledge on what makes a project a success.

For additional information, please contact: Dirk Penasse at d.penasse@esporg.eu

To view a recording of the workshop or to download the presentations from the workshop, please contact christy.ha@esporg.eu.

Contact ESPORG for additional information at info@esporg.eu.

Apply for the Excellence in European Truck Parking Award 2023 at www.esporg.eu/awards/apply.



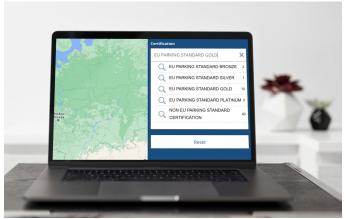
Try out the new interactive web tool launched through the ESPORG website! You can navigate to esporg.eu and click on "map" or simply go to http://esporg.net.

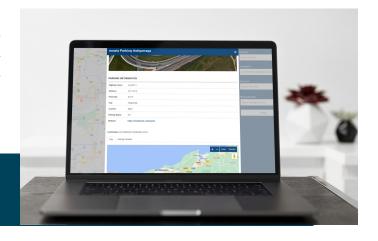
The new tool is faster, more efficient, and more accurate. You can view all the ESPORG parking areas in Europe:

Or navigate to a specific parking area through the use of keywords and search terms:

Once you click on the desired parking area, you can immediately get directions or click "read more" for more information about its specs and facilities:

For more information, please contact info@esporg.eu or visit http://esporg.net!





ESPORG NEWS

Successful Kick-Off for the ESPORG E-Parking Task Force

The task force dedicated to propelling the topic of alternative fuel infrastructure forward officially had its kick-off meeting in October. Participants in the task force include members from the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA), Axsol, the European Association for Forwarding, Transport, Logistics and Customs Services (CLECAT), DEKRA, the European Commission, The Association of European Vehicle Logistics (ECG), the International Road Transport Union (IRU), NomadPower, TotalEnergies, Truck Etape Béziers, the European Road Haulers Association (UETR), and the University of Duisburg-Essen. We will keep you updated on the progress of the task force. If you have ideas for the task force or are interested in participating, please contact christy.ha@esporg.eu.

Munich Fair

ESPORG will be participating in the 2023 Transport Logistics Fair in Munich on May 9-12, 2023. If you want to participate with ESPORG, please let us know NOW because space

is limited. Contact christy.ha@esporg.eu for more information.

To learn more about the fair, please visit: https://transportlogistic.de/de/

EU Parking Academy Courses in Spanish and Italian!

The EU Parking Academy has officially launched the course in Spanish this month and will launch the Italian course in the beginning of November. The Hungarian and Romanian courses will follow shortly.

To learn more about the EU Parking Academy, please visit https://courses.parkingacademy.eu.

We want your suggestions!

Do you have topics you want to read about in INTRANSIT or want to suggest for workshops? Let us know! Contact christy.ha@esporg.eu

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