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# WELCOME

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Dear Members and Friends of ESPORG,

We wish you the best as 2021 begins. We are looking forward to many things this year: increased connectivity through online training and webinars, supporting the CEF projects which are building certified secure parking areas, helping our members certify their SSTPAs through the EU-Parking Standard, connecting service providers, parking operators, drivers and all those invested in the logistics network and hopefully eventually meeting together with some of our members in person.

In this edition, we will introduce you to our online EU Parking Academy courses which will launch on March 1st. This launch is a part of ESPORG's efforts to digitalise our processes and make our knowledge more accessible to you.

As we move forward into 2021, we want to encourage all parking areas to certify their safe and secure parking areas through the EU-Parking Standard. More and more logistics companies want to ensure the safety of their drivers and load security by only using certified truck parking areas. Certification is a vital key to safe and secure parking. ESPORG is happy to help facilitate the certification process.

As we also see in this edition, clean energy and funding opportunities are on the horizon for the logistics industry. As experts closely connected to the legislative process, ESPORG ensures its constituents that we will keep you updated on these processes and how you they affect or benefit you.

As always, thank you for promoting safe and secure parking areas together with ESPORG and we look forward to working with you this year!

Best wishes,

Dirk Penasse

# BREXIT POSES SEVERAL CHALLENGES FOR TRANSPORT


Several members of ESPORG have voiced their frustration regarding challenges they face in regard to Brexit. ESPORG wishes to highlight the difficulties our members, like RDV Transports, or their employees are having in order to alert our contacts within legislative bodies to see if we can alleviate any issues or provide support.

From ESPORG Member RDV Transports, which also operates transport services, in Marck, France, near Calais:

*“In our view the difficulties associated with BREXIT are being strongly felt at several levels. First of all, at the administrative level there is an additional workload as clients who have always worked with England find it difficult to adapt to the new regulations. In addition, there is a big lack of communication and organization on the part of the customs services, especially on the English side. It is, therefore, a matter of finding all the information, making all the necessary checks, transmitting information, waiting, relaunching so that all documents are in compliance.*

*Regarding transport, the problem transport companies encounter is that we do not know when we enter British territory if the import process has been initiated because the English RDE do not communicate this information to transport companies. It also frequently happens that vehicles are blocked by the Border Forces on the British side without giving any reason.*

Finally, the drivers can endure hours of waiting when a declaration is not duly completed or other unknown problems occur. Also, the British police do not show any understanding and the justification for tickets or fines is not always clearly understandable. Drivers are therefore annoyed by these conditions, without forgetting that the PCR test to return to France is still in force.”

Are you facing any issues or need support regarding challenges associated with Brexit? Let us know by e-mailing [christy.ha@esporg.eu](mailto:christy.ha@esporg.eu). 

# GERMAN TRANSPORT MINISTRY TO SUPPORT TRUCK PARKING AREAS

The German Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure is proposing a funding guideline to create more truck parking spaces within a three-kilometre radius around motorway junctions. The aim of the funding guideline, which is set to be adopted in the first half of 2021, is to create additional parking spaces along German motorways. 90 million € are earmarked by 2024 in a first step.

The scope of the funding shall cover:

- The construction and expansion of truck parking areas with announced funding rates of up to 70%,
- The use of existing land in the vicinity of the motorways for truck parking (e.g. transformations at depots of freight forwarding companies) with announced funding rates of up to 90%.

The minimum requirements under discussion encompass the following:

- Daily hours at least from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.,
- At least 30 truck parking spaces,
- Adequate sanitary facilities (toilets, showers) and
- Systems recording the current occupancy rates with a transfer to the German Mobility Data Marketplace (MDM), which feeds into the EU systems.

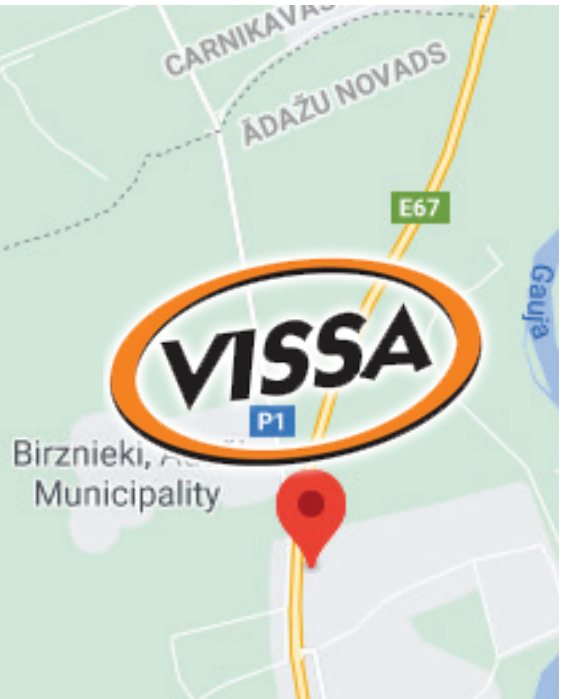
ESPORG will keep you updated when the funding guidelines, including all relevant details, are officially adopted and proposals can be submitted.



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digitale Infrastruktur

# CEF PROJECT UPDATE: ESPORG MEMBER SIA VISSA

ESPORG member SIA VISSA is currently upgrading an existing truck parking area in Ādaži and setting up a new one in Bauska along the A67, both locations situated in Latvia. The Ādaži location will have 110 parking spaces, and the one in Bauska will have 150 spaces—both locations will be built according to the gold level of the EU-Parking Standard, which means a high level of service for drivers in addition to safety and security.



Projected visuals for the parking area can be found below:



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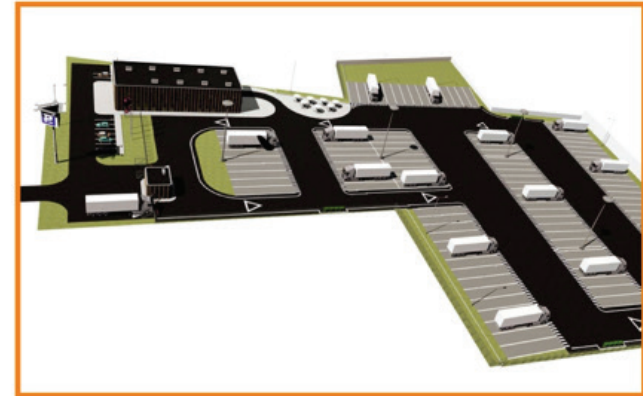
START: 06/2021  
END : 12/2021



START: 02/2022  
END : 09/2022



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# EU PARKING ACADEMY READY TO TRAIN ONLINE



GRAND OPENING: March 1st



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The EU Parking Academy has already assisted many invested learners in the logistics industry through its classic courses. ESPORG would like to offer the same caliber of knowledge in a more accessible way through the EU Parking Academy online courses.

The courses are divided into three sections: mandatory training, voluntary training, and business development. Mandatory training courses are required for those that wish to obtain the bronze, silver, gold, and platinum levels under the EU-Parking Standard and for auditors who wish to have the authority to apply the audit accreditation scheme of the EU-Parking Standard. Voluntary training courses will help anyone wishing to understand the technical aspects of the EU-Parking Standard or any other pertinent legislation and will assist management in understanding the audit requirements for the EU-Parking Standard. Finally, Business Development courses are aimed at training investors, developers, and managers in the business of secure truck parking areas.



### Mandatory Training

A training that is mandatory to obtain the Silver, Gold and Platinum levels under the EU-Parking Standard.



### Voluntary Training

This training will help the management understand the audit requirements of the EU-Parking Standard.



### Business Development

A training to assist investors, developers and managers of secure truck parking areas.

ESPORG also works together with logistics companies to provide training courses for driver safety.

All courses are available in English and the mandatory training courses are available in French and German. In addition, the courses are free for employees of companies who are ESPORG members.



### Interested in taking a course?

Pre-register by e-mailing [christy.ha@esporg.eu](mailto:christy.ha@esporg.eu). Is there a course you would like offered through the EU Parking Academy online? Let us know by sending an e-mail to [christy.ha@esporg.eu](mailto:christy.ha@esporg.eu).



Ursula von der Leyen, the President of the European Commission, recently reaffirmed the EU's widespread support for clean (renewable) hydrogen, notably including the transport sector: "Clean hydrogen is a perfect means towards our goal of climate neutrality. It can power heavy industries, propel our cars, trucks and planes, store seasonal energy, heat up our homes. All of this with almost zero emissions."

According to the European Commission, an annual production capacity for renewable hydrogen of one million tons could be reached by 2024 and 10 million tons could be attained by 2030. The Commission will support this plan by providing funding incentives:

The EU recovery plan NextGenerationEU includes significant resources for Green Deal projects, such as clean hydrogen financing;

A European clean hydrogen market with hydrogen priced in euros is supposed to stimulate the uptake of this industry;

The new Connecting European Facility Programme and the Innovation Fund Programme will also support hydrogen-related projects. Several industry-related and transport infrastructure projects will therefore see the light in the next years, along with programmes for electric truck charging.

## EU TO BOOST HYDROGEN VEHICLE AND REFUELLING INFRASTRUCTURE

The European Clean Hydrogen Alliance is supposed to be an interface between public and private actors in the field. According to President von der Leyen, the Clean Hydrogen Alliance will enable a participation of "the entire hydrogen value chain - from production to distribution, from seasonal storage to refuelling stations, from heavy industries to all areas of mobility."

This means an explicit regulatory and funding push for hydrogen at all levels of the transport chain, including trucks and truck refuelling infrastructure. Similar measures are foreseen for electric trucks and the electric charging infrastructure.

Given this major push at EU-level, while Germany and France as Europe's major economies have set up support and rollout capabilities of their own, ESPORG will keep you updated on the possibilities for truck parking areas to reap the benefits of the hydrogen and electrical transition away from fossil fuels that will occur in this decade. Do not hesitate to contact us for additional information and updates.

**Background: The EU defines clean (renewable) hydrogen as hydrogen produced through the electrolysis of water (in an electrolyser, powered by electricity), and with the electricity stemming from renewable sources. The full life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions of the production of renewable hydrogen are close to zero. Renewable hydrogen may also be produced through the reforming of biogas (instead of natural gas) or biochemical conversion of biomass, if in compliance with sustainability requirements.**



## ESPORG MEMBERS

As more and more parking areas join the European Secure Parking Organisation, ESPORG would like to acknowledge our members by issuing an annual member certificate. These certificates recognize the efforts of the parking area, lorry company or service provider to ensure safe and secure conditions within the logistics industry. We are proud of our members for their dedication to make transport a healthier and safer industry!



Interested in becoming a member?  
Contact [christy.ha@esporg.eu](mailto:christy.ha@esporg.eu) 

## ESPORG NEWS

### Munich Transport Logistics Fair Now Online Event

Due to the current situation surrounding the pandemic and several travel restrictions, the Munich Transport Logistics Fair 2021 can no longer host participants in person. The event has been converted into an online event from May 4-6, 2021. The next physical Transport Logistics Fair will take place from May 9-12, 2023.

“Our customers would have to start detailed planning for transport logistic now and need planning security. The still ongoing dynamic infection as well as the resulting travel restrictions make it impossible to successfully hold transport logistic at the beginning of May,” says the managing director of Messe München, Stefan Rummel. “For this reason, on the recommendation of and in consultation with the exhibitor advisory board, we have decided to cancel transport logistic 2021.”

ESPORG looks forward to participating in the online event in May and participating in the in-person fair with its members in 2023. For more information, please visit their website:

<https://www.transportlogistic.de/en/> 

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