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Dear Members and Friends of ESPORG,

Welcome to the March edition of INTRANSIT!

We have a full edition this month. We will feature the winner of the 2022 ESPORG Excellence in Truck Parking Award: Truck Etape Béziers. The international jury unanimously voted this French parking area and ESPORG member as the best parking area in Europe and we are excited to show you what they have to offer.

We would also like to put ESPORG member Bidegi in the spotlight this month. They hosted a successful event at their newly opened safe and secure truck parking areas in Astigarraga and Oiartzun, a project which was co-financed by Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) funds. In addition, the parking areas were certified at the gold-level of the EU-Parking Standard.

Furthermore, ESPORG would like to continue their support to those affected by the Ukrainian crisis by highlighting our partner, the Truckers Life Foundation, and their efforts in humanitarian assistance as well showing you ways to help.

Associated Partner NomadPower and new ESPORG member TWV Secure Truck Parking will also be featured in this edition. We are extremely proud of the innovative solutions NomadPower offers to truck parking areas for the electric cooling of refrigeration trailers and encourage our members to consider how to make their parking areas more sustainable. TWV Secure Truck Parking combines a multitude of services and security measures to provide a logistics hub for companies. This service-oriented way of thinking aligns with ESPORG's priority to improve the lives of drivers and offer a full and safe experience for them to rest and recuperate.

Finally, we would like to warmly welcome our new member Autostrada del Brennero SpA in Italy. We look forward to making the logistics industry safer and more secure with you!

Best wishes,

Dirk Penasse



ESPORG is proud to partner with the Truckers Life Foundation, a non-profit organization which focuses its activities on the road transport industry. Health and safety for professional drivers is a top priority for the organisation and they help drivers improve their lifestyles, build outdoor gyms in the biggest parking areas, petrol and service stations and rest areas throughout Poland and abroad, in order to help drivers rest in an active way during their travels. The foundation has recently focused their efforts to help with relief in Ukraine. The following interview was conducted with Anna Kuzynin, Strategic Partnership Development Manager of Truckers Life Foundation.

Anna Kuzynin, Strategic Partnership Development Manager of Truckers Life Foundation: “We are currently active in Poland but also partly in Germany, as we are now looking for transports within Germany. We are not directly involved in relief efforts for the stranded truckers, but we are involved in relief transports for Ukraine and work together with trucking groups from Germany and Austria.

What support does Truckers Life provide?

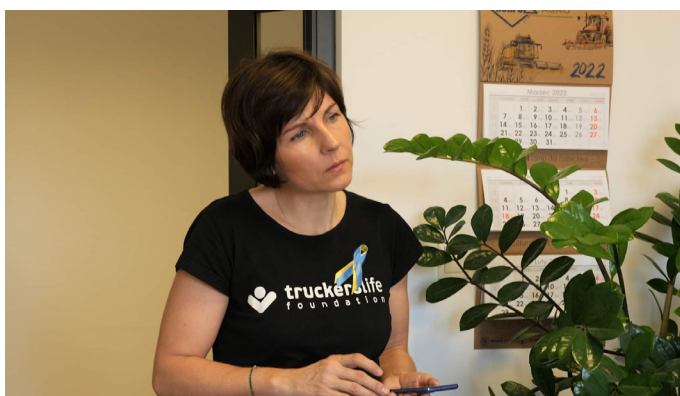
We have already organized several loads directly to Ukraine, but we have also supported several loads for a support action of Polish citizens who privately provide assistance to the Ukrainians who have fled.

In addition, we currently help with transports in the cities Rzeszów and Kraków.

We support associations and initiatives in Germany that have collected small loads, e.g. two pallets, to be delivered to Poland. In parallel, we help large organizations like PAH - Polish Humanitarian Aid.

What is needed most?

Practically everything is still missing. Strollers, bedding, blankets, clothes, shoes, etc. are needed, as people fled with only one bag. We will send an updated list of needed items upon request.



What is the situation now on the border with Ukraine?

The situation is still extremely difficult. We started two weeks ago and are working practically around the clock. All kinds of aid organizations that want to help, such as churches or communities, but also private individuals or directly professional drivers are contacting us. This is what the well-known professional driver Bernd Treffkorn, who is already retired, has done. He has a warehouse on the border with Poland and has offered his help to temporarily store relief supplies with him if there are no transport options available.

From which country do professional drivers come forward?

Help comes from drivers from Germany, but also from Austria. The drivers really have a big heart, which they have already proven several times. They contact us directly and want to drive despite the risk if we provide them with a truck. A lot is also organized through motorist circles.

If I want to help, what is the best way to reach your foundation?

The fastest way to reach us is through our contact form. If you have collected relief goods and cannot transport them or do not know where they should go, please contact us. But also anyone who has space available where goods can be temporarily stored near the German-Polish border can contact us.

Anyone who would like to help the Foundation can contact us at the following addresses:

Contact form:
<https://herotrucker.eu/pomoc-ukrainie/>
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Homepage:
Truckers Life Foundation:
<https://herotrucker.eu>

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On top of the easy-to-use mobile application for the end-users, NomadPower offers an operator portal where you as the operator can keep

track of all the sessions and transactions and be in control of the real-time energy consumption. Moreover, since this application takes care of the whole process, there is no need for human contact or dealing with coins at the register. While your customers are turning on/off sessions and paying via the app with one click, all you have to do is sit back and watch your charging revenues come through.

What benefits can NomadPower offer you?

Thanks to the growing charging network of NomadPower across Europe, refrigerated trucks can enjoy the many benefits of cheap, quiet, and clean electric trailer cooling during their journeys. The NomadPower charging points use 100% renewable electricity which substantially reduces harmful emissions.



Save the environment while making a profit!

In addition to offering business benefits, NomadPower also makes sure that all the operations are done in a sustainable manner. It is undeniable that electricity is better for the environment than diesel, but do you know by how much? Electric cooling decreases CO₂ emissions by 70% and NO_x & PM-10 emissions by more than 90% compared to traditional methods. To be more exact, by switching to electricity for overnight cooling (10 hours), you can prevent almost 55kg of CO₂ from being released into the atmosphere, which is equal to the amount of CO₂ 2.5 trees absorb in a year. For more details regarding these calculations, please check this report by CE Delft.

How can you get started?

NomadPower is here to support you no matter which stage you are at. Do you not have any equipment yet and do not know where to look for it either? NomadPower has your back! Go to the webshop and decide on which infrastructure would be the best for your park: <https://shop.nomadpower.eu/>.

Furthermore, switching to electric cooling will decrease your costs since you will be saving money on both the fuel and maintenance costs. To be more specific, operating with electricity, instead of diesel generators, helps you save up to €0.50 per operating hour on fuels and €0.30 on maintenance. Last but not least, electricity offers you a significantly quieter option than running overnight diesel generators. These electricity solutions will soon become the future, so we advise you to join the movement as soon as possible for maximum profits.

Joining the movement and becoming part of this network will bring you additional business advantages as well, such as being featured in the map of the NomadPower mobile app, which is the best way to be discovered by potential customers. Secondly, you can take advantage of the already-established brand image of NomadPower and help new customers get accustomed to you more easily.



If you are hesitant about making a decision, they are always one call away from helping you out. Or do you already have the hardware but want to bring some innovation into your park? That is totally okay too. The NomadPower software is easily adaptable to any electric charging infrastructure; simply tell them how many points you have, and the modern charging solutions will be on their way. Last but not least, NomadPower offers installation & project development services as well, so you can make sure everything is going the way it should be during your whole journey. If you are interested, feel free to contact them at info@nomadpower.eu or +31 85 2012781 for more information.



To see NomadPower in action, check out their video here: <https://vimeo.com/597217845>



TWV SECURE TRUCK PARKING

SECURITY AND COMFORT RIGHT OFF THE A26

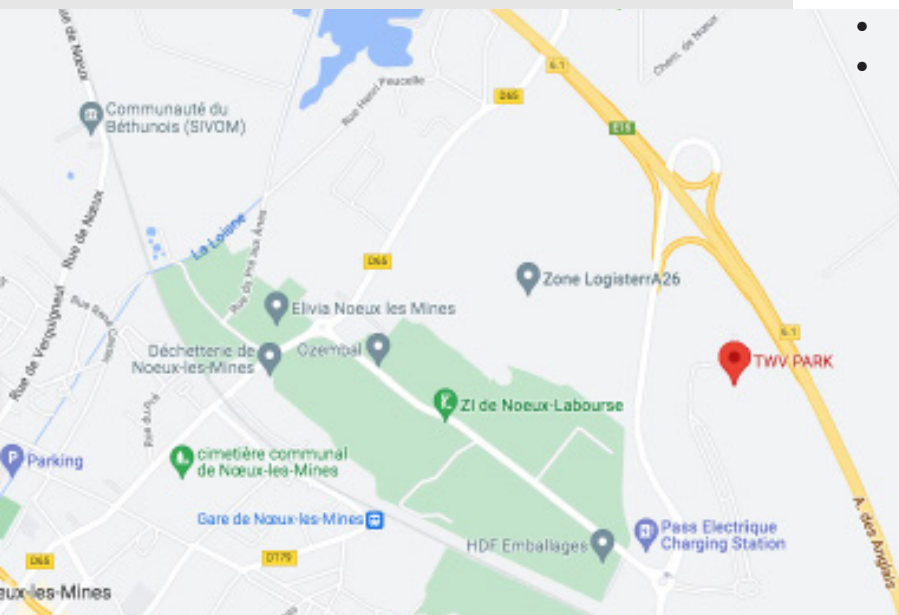


ESPOG is proud to partner with the TruckTWV Secure Truck Parking is owned by the TWV Group, which offers a multitude of services for companies looking for a logistics hub. Not only is secure parking for the cargo of truck drivers important, but adequate rest and comfort for drivers is key as well. TWV Secure Truck Parking takes service and security seriously to offer a safe, secure, and recuperating experience for its customers.

Security

Security couples with service as a vital part of TWV's endeavor to provide a comfortable, safe place for drivers to rest and recuperate. Among other things, the following security measures have been taken:

- 24/7 video surveillance
- Fully fenced-in area
- Anti-crossing barriers
- 24/7 security officer



Location

- Off of highway A26, Exit 6.1
- 60 minutes from Calais
- 2 hours from Paris

Services

Service is a key component of TWV Secure Truck Parking's dedication to its customers. The secure parking area offers the following amenities to customers:

- Food truck with burgers, fries, sandwiches, and barbecue
- Kitchen, coffee, sweets
- Sanitary facilities with showers
- Laundry facilities available
- Free Wi-Fi
- Free bikes for shopping or for pleasure
- Space for sporting activities
- Regular events like concerts, photo competitions, and more

In addition, the secure truck park will soon add the following amenities to its offer:

- Little supermarket
- Truck wash station

Furthermore, TWV wants to ensure convenience and efficiency for its customers and additionally offers:

- Logistic hub for cross docking, storage (under CCTV)
- Online booking via their website
- Acceptance of various multipayment options (cash, SNAP, DKV, UTA, TRAVIS, CB...)



EU-Parking Standard Certification

TWV currently holds a level 3 certification under the LABEL, or the old ESPORG Standard, but is in the process of certifying under the EU-Parking Standard for gold.

Activities

TWV Secure Truck Parking understands that a full offer includes access to activities close by in the surrounding area. Therefore, the parking area makes sure its customers know what they can do in their spare time:

- High speed train just one hour from Paris
- Shopping mall
- Ski station
- Lake with sport and nautical activities



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Visit their website at
<https://www.twv-park.com/index-en.html>

FRENCH TRUCK ETAPE BÉZIERS WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED EUROPEAN TRUCK PARKING OF THE YEAR 2022

LA LONDONIENNE (FRANCE) AND SMART AUTOHOF (ROMANIA) WERE VOTED RUNNERS UP.



The French Truck Etape Béziers (<https://www.trucketape-beziers.com>) parking facility was voted European Truck Parking of the **Year 2022** by ESPORG's international jury, composed of representatives of leading road transport stakeholders and governmental and non-governmental institutions and bodies.

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.

Antoine Lecea, PDG of the FAL Group, said: "Located next to the main traffic arteries North/South of Europe (highway A9) for heavy trucks, 150 km from the Spanish border (La Junquera) with more than 15 000 trucks crossing the area daily, we bring to our truck drivers friends the maximum of security for them and for their trucks. We try to personalize the greeting of our drivers by offering them the best facilities for catering, hygiene and leisure.

All our teams and myself are delighted to receive this distinction and we thank the jury for choosing us as the laureate of the EUROPEAN PARKING OF THE YEAR 2022 award.

This award will encourage us even more to pursue the development of services in our parking."



Kristian Schmidt, Director for Land Transport at the European Commission said: “The quality of this truck parking is truly impressive! Such well-equipped truck-parking infrastructure should become the norm in Europe and not an exception. Truck drivers in Europe deserve safe and comfortable rest facilities when transporting goods to our homes, shops and businesses. Such facilities will certainly make trucking jobs more attractive, especially for young people and for women. The EU will continue supporting the development of safe and secure truck parking areas. They are crucial not only for eliminating criminality against drivers and cargo but also to ensure drivers are well-rested, healthy, connected and satisfied with their working conditions.”

The jury also commended the parking facilities La Londonienne (<https://www.rdvtransports.com>) in France and Smart Autohof (<https://smart-autohof.ro>) in Romania for the quality and completeness of their service and exceptional customer care, and awarded them with the **European Excellence in Truck Parking 2022 Runner-up** certificate.

At the Award Ceremony on March 3rd, **Michael Nielsen**, President of ESPORG, commented: “The international jury had a truly difficult job in selecting one winner from a number of outstanding candidates, which not only respect European standards for safe and secure parking, but go the extra mile to offer the best service to our drivers. We are proud of our winner and runners-up, but we are also proud of all our candidates, for their outstanding achievement and quality of services to professional drivers. This bodes well for the future and for the achievement of our policy and business objective, to see a doubling in the number of safe and secure truck parking spots in Europe in the next 2-3 years.”

The aim of the ESPORG Excellence in 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 across Europe and beyond, 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.

Dirk Penasse, General Manager of ESPORG, concluded: “We are extremely satisfied that even in the first edition eight superb candidates entered the final race. Congratulations to the winners, but also to the rest of the candidates, which have all shown that we care about the drivers, we care about our profession, we care about our environment. We are looking forward to another batch of excellent candidates to select the European Truck Parking of the Year 2023 in February next year.”



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The jury members are: Inès MAILLART, DG MOVE of the European Commission, Elene SHATBERASH-VILI, International Transport Forum (ITF), Constantino CANU, CLECAT, 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.

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Winner, PDG FAL Group, Antoine Lecea, at antoine.lecea@gpfal.fr, phone +33 4 68 27 27 27.

The winner’s dossier can be accessed via our ESPORG website or via the following link: https://www.esporg.eu/?page_id=10307.

Truck Etape Béziers

Truck Etape Béziers is located in the town of Vendres, on the highway A9, exit 36. The safe and secure truck parking area has been certified at the gold level of the EU-Parking Standard.

The parking area offers 350 spots and all the facilities that drivers need for their comfort and security. The priority is to make sure drivers enjoy their stay on site. Therefore, Béziers offers maximum security, optimal customer assistance and many complimentary services and advantages.

ESPOG would like to introduce you to the many services Truck Etape Béziers offers its drivers according to the criteria set out in the EU-Parking Standard: comfort & health, mobility & connectivity, environmental friendliness, and service quality & customer satisfaction

Comfort & Health

Truck Etape Béziers considers hospitality a priority for their site and this extends to all parts of their services, including food, facilities, and amenities. Below are the top-quality services they provide:

Food is available all day every day

- o The restaurant is open every day from 6am to 11pm on site, non-stop service. Drivers can eat at the restaurant or have some snacks at the bar. All the food is cooked and prepared in-house by Béziers's own team.
- o If the restaurant is closed, drivers can purchase drinks and snacks at the security post in the parking or go to the shop next to the gas station from 6am to 9pm (May-Oct) or from 6am to 8pm (Oct-Apr) to find a variety of snacks (sandwiches, charcuterie, salads...).
- o Special prices for parking customers: 30% discount on food upon presentation of their parking ticket
- o For vegetarians and pescatarians, there are a variety of salads and vegetable options and a different fish offered each day
- o Halal meat offered

Fitness, leisure, and laundry facilities located on site

- o Newly opened fitness room on site with treadmills, bikes, leg press, rowers, weight bench available exclusively for customers of the parking area
- o Relaxation room with TV and sports channels
- o Football pitch and petanque ground (petanque balls provided)
- o 32 bikes available for free
- o 2 laundry machines with detergent dispensers and 2 dryers
- o During the first semester of 2022, a football table and a pinball machine will also be available for use.



Medical assistance is always available, and a pharmacy is located 3.5 km away.

- o Staff have received first-aid and rescue training
- o The whole site is fitted with 3 defibrillators to face heart issues.

Multilingual service options available for each customer to feel comfortable in their own languages

- o Staff speaks several languages (English, Arabic, French, Romanian, Spanish, Russian, German, Armenian)
- o Each staff member carries a translation tablet
- o All communication support written in French, English, Spanish, Russian
- o Wi-Fi portal gives essential information for customers in the language set on their phone

Extra perks include the natural area around the parking area and strict cleaning protocol:

- o Located near the beach which allows drivers to enjoy the sea, made more convenient by the bikes lent for free by the parking area
- o Whole parking area is covered by photovoltaic panels so that the customers are protected from rain and sun

- o Three different picnic areas available:
- o Two covered areas with 5 tables in table
- o Another table at the back of the parking area
- o Strick protocol implemented to clean showers; they clean after each and every use and available 24/7 to customers of the parking area
- o A watering point is available for drivers to fill up plastic jugs or wash dishes Mobility and Connectivity

Sleeping accommodation is available nearby for drivers to take their mandatory long resting period.

- o Hotel Althéa, which can be booked through Truck Etape Béziers, is located 5 km away from the parking area
- o A shuttle to and from the hotel from the parking area is available for drivers

Fuel station is on site and there's a truck wash and maintenance nearby

- o Site has its own fuel station specific for heavy trucks with 4 lanes and 8 GO nozzels, 5 AD Blue nozzles, and 6 NRG nozzles. GO, NRG, and AD Blue products are available in each lane.
- o Credit cards, cash, and a majority of fuel cards are accepted
- o Free tire inflation station for drivers



- o Gas station shop open every day from 6 AM to 8 PM.
- o Drivers can go to the truck wash without an appointment 5/7 days
- o If drivers have any issues with their trucks, they can go to Magarinos's which is a MAN garage. There is an agreement between Truck Etape Béziers to repair customer trucks when needed. They can fix things directly at their garage or come to the parking if necessary.

Alternative fuel options are available

- o 5 electric units available for drivers to charge refrigerated trucks
- o Cables are available via staff if customers do not have cables with them
- o Currently negotiation to introduce green hydrogen filling station to the site in 2024
- o Will open LNG/CNG station in 2023

Wi-Fi, technology, and booking is convenient and accessibly

- o Entire parking area, restaurant, bar, fitness room, relaxation room have unlimited access to high speed free Wi-Fi.
- o On website, it is possible to check the amount of spots available in real time.
- o Drivers can also book their spot at the parking by filling a form online or by calling the parking area itself
- o Thanks to Wi-Fi Portal, customers can know about our latest news and events (football games, dishes of the day..)
- o Since September 2021, a tachograph is available for drivers at the station's shop. This disk reader, which is completely free to use, allows them to respect the European regulation by directly and quickly sending their route data

Payment is easy and accessible

- o The driver can pay with all the toll badges: Axxes, Total, Telepass, DKV, Eurotoll.
- o Béziers also accepts the majority of European petrol cards : DKV, UTA, IDS, Snap and their own group's, FAL Distri.
- o They also have some agreements with companies allowing customers to pay monthly according to the actual frequency of their stays.

Environmental Friendliness

- Five outlets available for refrigerated vehicles; cables can be provided if necessary
- Waste sorting is done at the restaurant.



- Staff have an electric car for them to be able to cross the area.
- Trucks carrying dangerous goods are allowed on site, except for categories 1 and 7, and danger code 6 which must follow a specific procedure.
- The parking area is fitted with a hydrocarbon dispatcher with knife gate valve. There is also an emergency area in order to stock liquid wastes.
- The parking area is entirely covered by photovoltaic panels. 23 760 panels cover the parking area and have a power of 4.5 GW so the electricity produced on the parking area is eco-friendly.

Service quality & Customer Satisfaction

Drivers are at the core of the parking area's concerns. In addition to the security offered at the parking, driver well-being is especially important, especially knowing how hard their job can be. At Truck Etape Béziers, not only is top service offered but feedback is encouraged so that the site can continually improve.

The Béziers team is there to greet drivers 24/24h every day, to have a direct exchange with them, to explain the facilities and services of the site to them and to take their feedback into account. Upon arrival, each customer is offered a flyer showing all the features of the site. Thanks to their multilingual skills, the staff create a warm and trusting relationship with customers. Beside the daily greeting, the staff also punctually organize commercial actions to gain more knowledge about customers satisfaction and how to improve.

In addition, it is important to Béziers that the site offers specific measures for all customers, including young drivers, female drivers, and people with a disability:

- 3 showers and 4 WCs are specifically reserved for women.
- The whole parking area is accessible for disabled people (a specific door for entry and exit)
- There are 4 WCs and 2 showers accessible for people with a disability
- Truck Etape Béziers is active on social media (Facebook and Instagram) to make sure they can also reach and help their youngest customers



PRESENTATION OF THE SAFE AND SECURE TRUCK PARKING AREAS (SSTPA) OF ASTIGARRAGA AND OIARTZUN TO EUROPEAN AUTHORITIES AND DIFFERENT AGENTS AND COMPANIES IN THE SECTOR.



From left to right are Alfredo Etxeberria (CEO Bidegi), Aintzane Oiarbide (Deputy for Road Infrastructures, Gipuzkoa Provincial Council), Markel Olano (Deputy General Gipuzkoa Provincial Council), Isabel Ayala (Coordinator of the Trans-European Transport Network Rhine-Danube Corridor, Council of the European Union), Desiree Oen, Marco Digoia (Secretary general of UETR, European Road Haulers Association)

The comprehensive transport center of Astigarraga hosted a conference on Wednesday, March 9, dedicated to the road transport sector in the European Union, with the intervention of heads of European organizations and experts in the services, logistics and infrastructure sector. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy General Markel Olano, together with the Deputy for Road Infrastructures, Aintzane Oiarbide, and served to contrast the reality of the world of freight transport in the European Union, its needs and future.

As the deputy general, Markel Olano, recalled, Gipuzkoa is a “hinge” territory for the logistics

connection between the European continent and the Peninsula, which is why it is “strategic” to have a “modern, digitized and sustainable infrastructure network”. “In this framework, with the opening of the two car parks, the Provincial Council wanted to “contribute to the improvement and safeguarding of the transport infrastructure in the Atlantic axis”, offering “safe, protected and connected” parking areas with the Intelligent Transport (ITS), as Olano has pointed out.

Likewise, the deputy general stated that Gipuzkoa is “decisively” tackling the challenge of “sustainable mobility and transport”, together with

the digitization of roads, within the framework of the Gipuzkoa Living Lab project for the future. “We are living in difficult times, full of uncertainty, also for this transport sector, whose relevance we have been able to verify during the pandemic. By promoting smart and more sustainable mobility and infrastructure, we are supporting this sector,” said Olano, who described the two new car parks as “advanced” in this entire process.

The conference, organized by the regional society Bidegi with the collaboration of the Chamber of Gipuzkoa, the European company for secure truck parking ESPORG and the consulting firm Arup, has served to present the Astigarraga and Oiartzun car parks and their added value to society before different agents and companies in the sector. The meeting was attended by European transport managers, the European car park association, the European road transport association and companies from the logistics, transport and sector associations in Gipuzkoa.

The first talk of the day dealt with road transport policies in the EU and was given by Inés



Ayala Sender, coordinator of the Rhine-Danube corridor of the EU Council’s Trans-European Transport Network. In her presentation, Sender stressed the importance of secure car parks in the day-to-day life of carriers, who see their working conditions improved thanks to better rest and the peace of mind of knowing they are safe, both themselves and the products they transport.



In addition to the different presentations and the round table, the event has had the participation, via video, of the MEP Izaskun Bilbao, on the importance of common transport policies.

During this conference dedicated to the road transport sector in the European Union, the Gipuzkoa Provincial Council presented “Gipuzkoa Living Lab. Smart Roads”, the international project by which the AP-8 and AP-1 toll roads will become a laboratory cross-border test site where different leading mobility and technology companies will be able to test their autonomous vehicles.

New fuels, electric vehicles and the development of technical means and systems for charging and guaranteeing their autonomy, as well as the needs of road transport for the future, were other topics that were discussed throughout the meeting.

Lastly, the conference featured a round table on secure and guarded car parks with the participation of two guarded car park managers, Pere Padrosa from Parking Padrosa in Llers, Girona, Spain and Stuart Madden from C4T in Calais in France and the general manager of ESPORG, Dirk Penasse and the general secretary of UETR Marco Digioia.



Secure car parks

According to the study published by the European Commission in February 2019 on secure parking, the road is the majority mode of transport in intra-European trade and logistics. It represents about 50% of all tonne-kilometres and 75% of land transport. A large proportion of cargo is transported in heavy vehicles, with capacities of more than 40 tons traveling long distances and with cross-border trips. Billions of euros worth of goods are transported every day on the Trans-European Road Network which forms the backbone of the EU economy.

It is estimated that on a working day there is an average of 400,000 trucks and drivers dedicated to long-distance transport throughout Europe and that require overnight parking for rest in application of the rules that regulate driving and rest times.

The study highlights that around 5,000 truck parking lots have been identified in the EU, offering 300,000 parking spaces for the overnight rest of heavy vehicles. Of these places, 47,000 would have certain security and another 7,000 would have a certified security level. Therefore, there is a deficit of around 100,000 places in the number of parking lots for heavy vehicles and without taking into account security levels.

There is currently a shortage of facilities at European level that allow the safe parking of trucks that guarantee safety for the goods they



transport and also provide a level of services aimed at caring for the well-being and rest of drivers. With the increase of new secure parking areas throughout Europe, the rates of crime and theft suffered by carriers would be reduced and the safety and well-being of carriers would improve, which would benefit road safety.



Congratulations to Astigarraga for their gold level certification through the EU-Parking Standard! The gold level ensures this safe and secure parking area offers some of the highest security and service requirements. To achieve the silver, gold, and platinum levels, parking area staff must take courses through the EU Parking Academy. ESPORG offers these courses to their members for free.

If interested in taking a course, please take our online course <https://courses.parkingacademy.eu> via or contact info@esporg.eu for more information. These courses are mandatory for certification through the EU-Parking Standard.

EU PARKING STANDARD CERTIFICATE

DEKRA hereby certifies that the truck parking area (TPA)

PARKING ASTIGARRAGA

Spain
43°17'03.5"N 1°55'25.7"W

has met the requirements of the EU-Parking Standard and is classified in the category

GOLD

EU PARKING

The audit was conducted by DEKRA Assurance Services on 19/01/22
Certificate No.: DE 0001 ES 000012 F
This certificate is valid from 19/01/2022 to 19/01/2025
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Further information on the EU-Parking standard are available at www.eu-parking.eu

ESPORG had a successful General Assembly on March 3, 2022, in which members elected a new Board, including new members Tamara Corsano from Italy and Alexander Jellinek from Germany in addition to the re-election of the four remaining members.

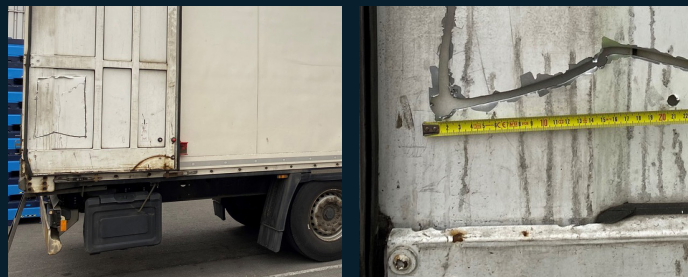
Upcoming workshops:

- Online Workshop CEF Funding April 28th
- Online Workshop Nomad Power May 5th
- Live workshop May 12th in Italy

A non-certified secure parking area in Belgium has been the victim of a robbery.

The fence is not equipped with cameras on the rear side, as opposed to the EU-Parking Standard (gold level).

We encourage all our members to be vigilant and learn from this incident.



The Connecting Europe Days 2022 will take place from 28 to 30 June in Lyon, France. The Connecting Europe Days – formerly known as TEN-T Days – will bring together politicians, industry representatives and the European Commission to discuss transport and mobility, and their role in achieving the ambitious goals set out in the EU Green Deal (https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en) and the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy (https://transport.ec.europa.eu/transport-themes/mobility-strategy_en). Participants will consider new and innovative initiatives and ideas for greening the transport system and streamlining the implementation of transport projects. Participants will see state-of-the art innovations first-hand at an exhibition of EU-funded projects, demonstrations of alternative mobility vehicles and automated transport. And as 2022 is the European Year of Youth (https://europa.eu/youth/year-of-youth_en), young people are particularly welcome to attend and share their views this year. The Connecting Europe Days are being organised together with the French Presidency of the Council of the EU.

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