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Dear Members and Friends of ESPORG,

Welcome to the April edition of INTRANSIT!

This month we would like to introduce you to our new associated members Matrix Security Systems and Trucks'nB as well as member CFL Multimodal. In addition, we will feature our longstanding partner DEKRA, who is responsible for independently auditing safe and secure parking areas. ESPORG is proud to work with all its partners and members and showcase what they offer.

The new EU Standards regarding safe and secure parking areas and procedures was published on April 7, 2022. ESPORG fully supports the new regulation and encourages operators to certify their parking areas according to the EU-Parking Standard to ensure better conditions for drivers and protection from violence and theft.

An article taken from VRT news regarding the need for safe and secure parking areas is highlighted in this edition. Though the article is focused on a specific area in Belgium, the lack of facilities necessary for drivers is a clear problem throughout Europe. The necessity for adequate sanitary facilities and amenities for drivers as well as secure places to rest is a clear indicator to develop more safe and secure parking areas that have the minimum level of requirements according to the EU-Parking Standard.

We also want to keep you updated regarding upcoming workshops and events so make sure you check our "ESPORG News" section for all the logistics fairs, webinars, and workshops we will be participating in or offering!

Finally, we would like to warmly welcome our new associated member Trucks'nB in France. We look forward to making the logistics industry safer and more secure with you!

Best wishes,

Dirk Penasse

DELEGATED REGULATION ON SAFE AND SECURE TRUCK PARKING – A NEW LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR OUR SECTOR

This month the European Commission adopted new EU standards and procedures to support the development of a network of safe and secure parking areas throughout the EU. The initiative is intended to improve resting conditions for drivers, and to protect them from violence and cargo crime.

This Delegated Regulation provides a clear legal framework for the EU-Parking Standard, ensuring a reliable, understandable and legally embedded standard as well as auditing procedures by neutral, independent and impartial auditors.

European Commissioner for Transport Adina Vălaean, said: “Our road network lacks sufficient safe and secure parking areas. Today we take concrete steps to ensure that professional drivers in the EU can work and rest in good conditions alongside European roads. The standards we adopt today will, in addition to ensuring drivers have access to all necessary facilities, also enable operators to select the level of security they need for their cargo. They complement our proposal to revise the Trans-European Transport Network, in which we require Member States to ensure safe and secure parking areas along the TEN-T network, a maximum of 100km apart. The importance of professional drivers for society cannot be overstated. It is essential that we offer them decent and safe working conditions.”

ESPOrg fully supports the new Regulation and encourages all truck parking areas in Europe with security features to get audited.

Chairman Michael Nielsen and General Manager Dirk Penasse welcome the good news by pointing out that “while certification is not mandatory, we consider that the Regulation will deliver visibility, transparency and value for money to the entire sector. With a common service level and four distinct security levels, truck

parking areas all across Europe will now deliver reliable information to the transports and logistics sector. Truck drivers deserve decent resting conditions and hauliers and shippers can be confident that their drivers are safe and their cargo is secure. This is a big qualitative step for roadside infrastructure all across Europe.”

You will find the standard in all EU languages [here](https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news/european-commission-adopts-eu-standards-safe-and-secure-parking-areas-2022-04-07_en). (https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news/european-commission-adopts-eu-standards-safe-and-secure-parking-areas-2022-04-07_en)

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DEKRA: SAFETY AND SUSTAINABILITY ON THE ROAD, AT WORK AND AT HOME

ESPORG Partner DEKRA is one of the world's leaders in testing, inspection, and certification services. The company currently maintains a presence in 50 countries. More than 40,000 employees are committed to ensuring long-term safety, quality and environmental protection. Based on the EU-funded SETPOS model DEKRA elaborated a recognized certification scheme for secure truck parking areas. Therefore, DEKRA is able to certify secure parking areas according to the highest service, safety and security levels.

Social sustainability is key

DEKRA is the only fully accredited organisation which can audit and certify safe and secure parking areas according to the EU-Parking Standard. Long-term social sustainability is a key mission for DEKRA and this includes services that promote improving the conditions surrounding the profession of employees like truck drivers. DEKRA has been an active member of the expert group which eventually spearheaded the initiative to establish the EU-Parking Standard.

For DEKRA, providing a common framework and a minimum level of services and security to which parking areas must adhere is vital to bettering the logistics industry as a whole. DEKRA is proud to do its part in inspecting parking areas and making sure they are up to standard as well as providing feedback for parking areas to improve their sites to meet one of the bronze, silver, gold, or platinum levels of the EU-Parking Standard.

Supporting environmental sustainability internally and overall

Equally important to the organisation is environmental sustainability.

DEKRA is part of the global RE100 initiative, which is led by "The Climate Group" in partnership with CDP, and aims to promote the sourcing of electricity from renewable sources. The initiative brings together a number of influential companies that have committed to procuring 100 percent of their electricity from renewable energy sources.



In Germany alone, DEKRA has covered 100 percent of their electricity consumption with renewable energies since 2020, saving 7,750 tonnes of CO2 per year. They have a goal of switching the group-wide electricity procurement to 100 percent renewable energy sources by 2025.

With their Sustainability Strategy 2025, DEKRA strives to further improve sustainability performance not just within the company, but also by helping customers to improve in this area through their services. In line with the European initiatives for sustainability, safe and secure parking areas are also audited regarding their renewable energy sources, alternative fuel solutions, electric charging options, and photovoltaic roofing and DEKRA can offer recommendations to help parking areas become more energy efficient.

The organisation continues to adjust its audit list according to the specific criteria set out by the Commission as the EU-Parking Standard adapts to the growing sustainability requirements.

The importance of independent auditing

Although ESPORG finds it vitally important its members, and indeed for safe and secure parking areas to be certified according to the EU-Parking Standard, the certification cannot be done by the organisation itself. ESPORG believes in an unbiased process to ensure that all parking areas are evaluated fairly and objectively. Independent auditing ensures that all practices, accounts, processes, and operations of the parking area adhere to the specific criteria set out by the EU-Parking Standard. In addition, an independent process allows for suggestions on achieving greater efficiency for the parking area as well as greater security and services for drivers.

And that's where DEKRA comes in.

DEKRA provides independent auditing for parking areas to certify according to the EU-Parking Standard and let their customers know that they provide the highest level of safety, security, and services.

For more information

ESPORG is proud to partner with DEKRA. If you would like to know more about DEKRA, the auditing process, or the EU-Parking Standard, please contact info@esporg.eu.

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SECURED TRUCK STOP IN LUXEMBOURG

CONNECTING TRUCKERS WITH LUXEMBOURG'S LOGISTICS HUB



The Secured Truck Stop in Bettembourg (Centre Routier Sécurisé- CRS) is easily accessible due to its location right next to the highway A13 (Exit 8) and close proximity to the motorway junction that links A13 with A3, effectively connecting the CRS with Germany, Belgium and France. Inaugurated in autumn 2021, the truck stop is located right next to the Intermodal Terminal Bettembourg-Dudelange and the Eurohub South Logistics Parc, providing roughly 300 safe parking spaces for clients of the terminal, the warehousing facilities and the Logistics Parc.

Operated by CFL site services, a subsidiary of CFL Multimodal, the parking offers an array of amenities and facilities meant to cater to the various needs of truckers and their trucks. With the on-site multi-card fuel station operating 14 truck pumps, including AdBlue and biofuel (HVO100), as well as a truck wash, provisions not only for trucks but also for their drivers are ensured: the shop provides a selection of freshly produced and ready-to-eat meals, completed with an assortment of basic hygiene and trucking supplies.

Dan Feyder, the director of CFL site services explains how the Secured Truck Stop is meant to improve truckers' customer experience by providing around the clock access to hygienic and practical sanitary and laundry facilities, along with modern fitness equipment. He further explains:

"We have safety and security measures in place, in addition to on-site first aid assistance, and on our main site we even have a doctor's office. Plus, we are located close to a pharmacy and a hospital. It is of vital importance to us that our customers feel safe and remain healthy while they stay with us."





To further guarantee the safety of its customers and the integrity of trucks parked on the site, the Secured Truck Stop in Bettembourg is equipped with state of the art CCTV security, in addition to a permanent access and manned gate control. The truck stop is open 24 hours, 7 days per week.

Feyder proclaims: "Our group is constantly evolving to adapt to what our customers need, and we plan on staying on top of that for the Secured Truck Stop as well. We are happy to be part of ESPORG now, so we can connect with other parking operators, exchange best practices and become part of the conversation on truck parking's future."



The following article is a direct translation of an article published on April 11, 2022, on the VRT News website by Amélie Outters. The article highlights the need for adequate facilities for drivers and the importance of developing more safe and secure parking areas. To view the original article, see the following link: <https://www.vrt.be/vrtnws/nl/2022/04/11/zwerfvuil-vrachtwagenchauffeurs-waaslandhaven/>

"DON'T THROW URINE BOTTLES IN THE ROADSIDE ANY-MORE": NATUURPUNT WAASLAND CALLS FOR THE ATTENTION OF TRUCK DRIVERS

A striking campaign by Natuurpunt in the area of the Waasland harbour: large banners with "No more piss bottles". The action is intended for truck drivers, because they cannot go to the toilet everywhere and sometimes leave bottles with urine or do their business in the bushes.

According to Transport and Logistics Flanders, there is an urgent need for more parking spaces and facilities for drivers.

Litter remains a major problem in the Waasland harbour. And it's not just about food scraps and empty packaging, but also about human excrement. "We understand that truck drivers sometimes have few sanitary facilities and that they have to be creative, but please do not throw urine-filled bottles on the roadside," asks Johan Baetens of Natuurpunt Waasland. The nature association set up a campaign, together with the Port of Antwerp and local government of Linkerscheldeoever.

Banners

The campaign consists of 2 different banners, both designed by Krista Rosvelds. One banner shows sheep throwing the bottles of urine back at a moving truck. The other shows a pack of sheep protesting against the litter. "Because those piss bottles are not only extremely unpleasant for us to clean up, they are also harm-

ful to the sheep that are grazing there," explains Baetens.

Natuurpunt does not expect the action to solve the problem, but hopes it will encourage truck drivers to think. "Those drivers often stay overnight there and have few facilities, so we understand the reflex somehow. But we hope that the campaign will make them think twice before throwing their bottle on the roadside," concludes Baetens. The banners are therefore very deliberately made in English, so that foreign truckers also get the message.





Too few facilities

Truck drivers who do their business in nature and leave litter behind is a problem that also occurs in places other than the Waaslandhaven. And the problem stems from a bigger issue: too few parking spaces and too few facilities. “There are more than 100,000 places for truck drivers in Europe. And there are also far too few sanitary facilities,” says Lode Verkinderen of Transport and Logistiek Vlaanderen.

“In the best case scenario, the truck driver will find a parking space at a gas station and can go to the toilet there. That may cost them 70 cents, but it is the best option,” Verkinderen continues. “It becomes a lot more difficult if the driver is in a different highway parking lot. A lot of parking spaces simply don’t have a single toilet. Or there is one, but it is not cleaned enough.”

It is not possible for a truck driver to take every break at a place with the necessary facilities. “They have to take the mandatory rest periods into account and easily remain in place for a total of 10 hours every day,” Verkinderen explains. “Of course you can’t expect them to hold their urine for hours or to walk 5 kilometers to the nearest toilet. So nature calls, and you can’t blame them for that.”

More parking spaces

Transport en Logistiek Vlaanderen is convinced that the number of parking spaces - with sufficient comfort - must be increased urgently. Verkinderen: “That is clear. And along our Flemish roads, that is of course the competence of the Flemish Government.”

With regard to the problem specifically in the Waasland port, improvement is on the way. “The port authority is working on an additional truck parking area. Hopefully it will come soon, it is very large and has sufficient toilets that are well maintained,” concludes Verkinderen.



**“You can’t expect a truck driver to walk 5 kilometers to the nearest toilet”
-Lode Verkinderen of Transport and Logistics Flanders**

ESPORG WELCOMES TECHNICAL PARTNER MATRIX SECURITY SYSTEMS!



Matrix Security Systems provide quality services in the field of security and electrical systems. They are based in Romania but have been expanding their projects internationally with partners like Porsche and Volkswagen Germany, JYSK Budapest and Raiffeisen Budapest.



History

Matrix Computers SRL started its activity in 2001, working primarily with the trade and service of computers. The purpose of the company is to organize and carry out trade activities and services of the highest quality, so that they can contribute to meeting the requirements and demands of consumers.

Since 2001, the company has gradually expanded its activity and employee base, reaching a number of 24 employees covering both the supply-sales department and the installation, service and design department.

In January 2005, the company graduated to the field of "Security Systems", with license no. 0050 / T, issued by the General Inspectorate of the Romanian Police.

Since November 2009, the company is also licensed in the field of fire and smoke signaling systems with no. 1501, 2754, 7020, issued by the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations.

In 2010, the company joined the Romanian Association of Security Specialists as an active member.



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Matrix Security Systems operates in the following fields of activity:

- automation
- access / timing control systems
- video surveillance systems
- burglar alarm systems
- fire detection systems
- smoke and hot gas exhaust systems
- specialized design for all types of installed systems
- design and execution of electrical installations (under accreditation)

Quality and Commitment

Matrix Security Systems offers vast experience in security systems, having so far installed over 3,000 alarm systems and over 1000 video surveillance systems with a qualified staff of 16 technicians. The company has committed itself to solve any problem with a system within a maximum of 24 hours from the initial notification. This is only possible if the installed equipment is of high quality and the staff is very well trained.

Matrix has worked with other well-known ESPORG and non-ESPORG partners such as CAME Italia, Bosch, Honeywell, Secotec, etc, to provide the total security package customers require.



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TRUCKS'NB 'S MOBILE APPLICATION OFFERS AN EASY SOLUTION FOR DRIVERS TO FIND A PLACE TO PARK SAFELY.



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Trucks'nB is a French company that was created in September 2019 by Thierry Vanlembrouck, the former head of the VLB Group and DK Trucks Park. Thierry Vanlembrouck has more than thirty years of experience in transport and logistics and recognized the need for services which Trucks'nB provides.

The Trucks'nB team first developed their stand-alone kit and the mobile app internally in the first part of 2020. During 2021, the teams focused on finding partner host sites and developing their two web portals.

The Trucks'nB mobile app was officially launched in January of this year.



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The Trucks'nB Promise

Trucks'nB believes in the dignity and safety of truck drivers. Thanks to the Trucks'nB safe and secure parking areas located near major highways and roads, drivers can have access to all the amenities they need, rest in dignity, and keep their equipment and cargo safe.

On a larger scale, Trucks'nB first addresses carriers, logisticians, company manager or land-owners. They offer to optimize the available space they have by providing a viable and reliable extra source of income. The Trucks'nB concept allows for a concise and structured implementation of secure parking solutions without any expensive investments and without any major administrative procedures.

The Mobile Application

Trucks'nB 's mobile application offers an easy solution for drivers to find a place to park safely.

All Trucks'nB site reception areas offer a safe place for drivers to rest and are well equipped with showers and restrooms. Some sites even provide wifi, a rest area, vending machines, a laundry room, or are located near shops and businesses. To book a spot, the driver can use any means of payment through their company.

The application itself is available in multiple languages and can be downloaded through the Apple Store or Google Play.

Using the location information of the device, the application can suggest nearby sites or the user can search for sites near a specific city. The user can then look at more details of a site (photos, services, prices, etc.) and then book directly.

The driver can easily find his or her reservations, display the manual codes for access control, request a receipt for a reservation or even cancel the reservation via the application.

Web Portals

Trucks'nB wants to make their services convenient not only for truck drivers, but also for operators, managers, and partners.

Through the Operator Web Portal, fleet operators and/or managers can make reservations for their truck drivers. Once a booking has been made, the driver will automatically receive all the information he or she needs to get to the reserved site in the Trucks'nB application.

Through the Partner Web Portal, the Trucks'nB partners can easily find the bookings made on their sites, find out about the presence of drivers in real time, and easily access administration like turnover or invoicing, for example.

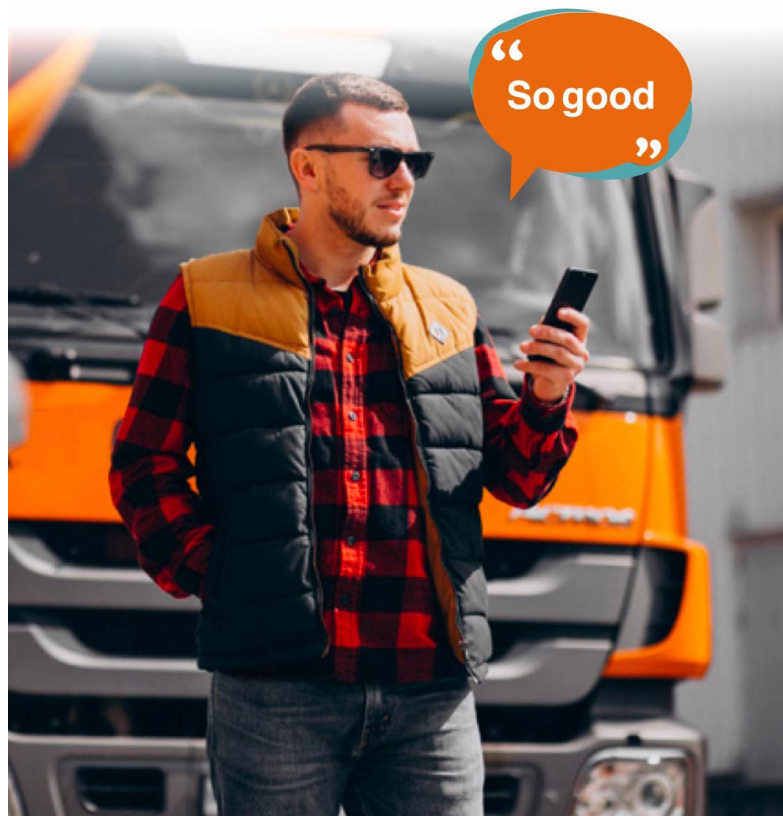
The Future of Safe and Secure Parking

Trucks'nB already has 49 host sites open, with 490 parking spots available and is currently installing 15 sites with an additional 150 parking spots. By the end of this year, they will have 107 operating host sites with a total of 1100 parking spots in France.

They are currently developing their services in Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Spain, and Switzerland and want to eventually have 1500 operating host sites with a total of 15,000 parking spots by January 2025.



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For more information about Trucks'nB, please visit <https://www.trucksnb.eu>.

Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine

We are very proud of ESPORG members C4T in Calais and Smart Autohof in Romania for supporting humanitarian efforts by offering free parking for any humanitarian aid going to or from the crisis area. We encourage all our members and network to help where they can.

CEF Funding Workshop a Success!

On April 28, ESPORG hosted a workshop regarding the ins and outs of CEF Funding. The online workshop was a success with over 30 organisations and parking areas represented as participants. If you missed the workshop and want to know more about its content or upcoming opportunities, please contact info@esporg.eu.

New online courses for the EU Parking Academy

In reflection of the new regulations published by the Commission regarding the Delegated Act on April 7, 2022, ESPORG has modified its online courses.

They will soon be available in English, French, and German as well as Italian and Spanish by the end of May. Are you interested in taking a course?

Please contact f.maas@esporg.eu.

Connecting Europe Days in Lyon

On June 28-30th, 2022, the Connecting Europe Days (formerly known as the Ten-T Days) will take place in Lyon, France. If you are interested in attending, please contact christy.ha@esporg.eu. For more information about this event, please visit https://transport.ec.europa.eu/connectingeuropedays_en.

Munich Transport Logistics Fair

The Transport Logistics Fair will take place in Munich from May 9-12, 2023. ESPORG is already preparing to attend the fair. If you are interested in participating with us, please let us know by contacting christy.ha@esporg.eu.

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