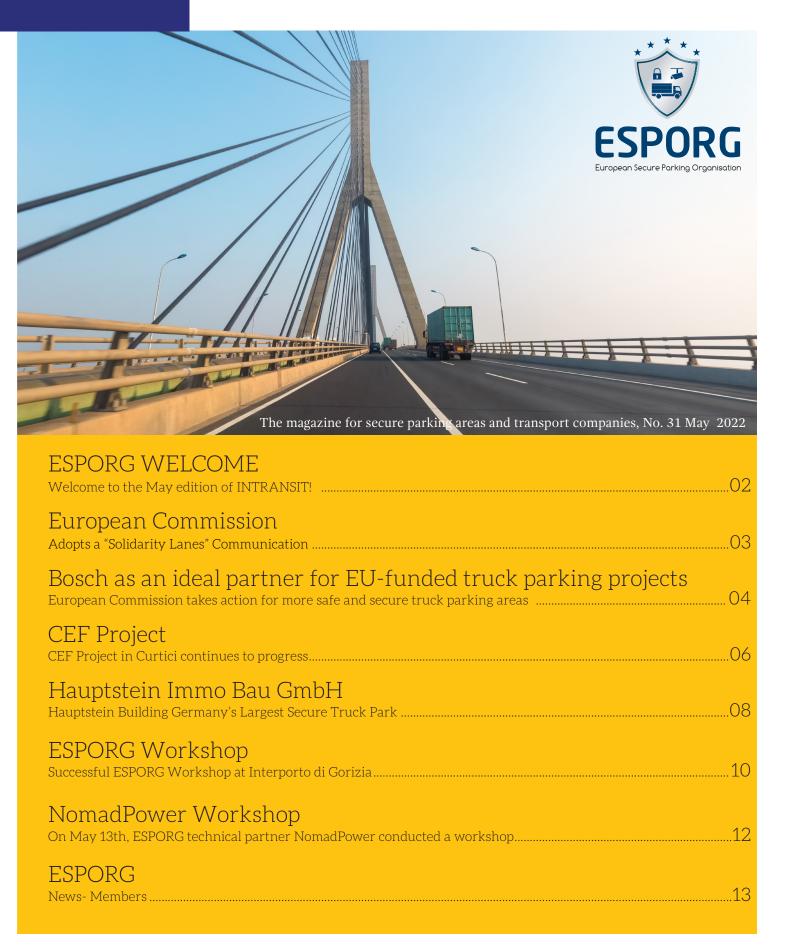
# IRANSIT



## WELCOME

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Dear Members and Friends of ESPORG,

Welcome to the May edition of INTRANSIT!

This month we would like to introduce you to new member Hauptstein in Germany as well as feature associated member and technical partner Bosch. ESPORG is proud to work with all its partners and members and showcase what they offer.

We have had some successful workshops, meetings, and events which we would like to inform you about: a local workshop in Italy with Italian members and interested stakeholders, the Expert Group meeting to discuss pressing issues on the top of the logistics agenda, the first of a series of online workshops with technical partner NomadPower in the local languages of members, and the progress from member Trade Trans Combi regarding their CEF project in Curtici, Romania.

As always, we like to keep our readers up to date regarding policy. The European Commission will establish 'Solidarity Lanes' to help Ukraine export agricultural goods—we will explore the details regarding this action and what this means for the various parts of the transport industry.

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

We thank you for making the logistics industry safer and more secure with us!

Best wishes,

Dirk Penasse



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION ADOPTS A "SOLIDARITY LANES" COMMUNICATION

On May 12th, the European Commission adopted a Communication to facilitate Ukraine's export and bilateral trade with the EU (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CEL-EX%3A52022DC0217). This "Solidarity Lanes" Communication identifies the bottlenecks and puts forward an action plan on what needs to be done to unlock the potential and scale up transport and export from Ukraine.

The actions include, among others

- (i) a call on EU market players to urgently make available necessary equipment, rolling stock, vehicles, barges and vessels and
- (ii) the setting up of a matchmaking platform to facilitate exchanges between logistic chain actors to optimise cargo flow

In addition, the Communication places the emphasis on TEN-Ts to/from Ukraine and wants, in the medium term, to "work on increasing the infrastructure capacity of new export corridors and on establishing new infrastructure connections in the framework of the reconstruction of Ukraine."



It is also expected that the next round of Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) calls for proposals will allow support for projects improving transport connections to Ukraine. In relation to that, the Commission also adopted a Decision to sign a high-level agreement with Ukraine, updating the maps for the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), as part of the Commission's policy on extending the TEN-T to neighbouring countries.

The Communication is of interest to a large number of businesses, such as logistics companies, rail operators, infrastructure managers, port operators, sea shipping companies, etc., including, we believe, truck-parking operators.

As a reminder, earlier in April, the European Commission requested a dedicated mandate to negotiate temporary road transport agreements with Ukraine and Moldova, to facilitate road transport between the EU and these two countries.





European Commission takes action for more safe and secure truck parking areas

Every road user has witnessed overcrowded truck parking areas along motorways: all regular truck parking spots full, trucks parked even on entry or exit ramps. Not only is it extremely dangerous for all road users, it also makes searching for a free parking spot also highly stressful for the driver. Moreover, it is stressful for cargo owners as overcrowded parking areas are usually hot spots for theft.

As a direct action, the Commission has approved funding for new secure truck stops that will now be built across Europe at a total budget of 750 million Euro from 2022 to 2024. The total investment, including previous investments, then by far exceeds one billion Euro.

## Bosch supports building technologically advanced truck stops in Europe

Bosch provides comprehensive solutions for truck parking operators: starting from consulting and concept development up to the implementation of turn-key access control, video monitoring as well as on-site and online payment solutions. At the very core is the Bosch booking platform connecting physical infrastructure and the digital world.

### Digital first: online booking platform

Bosch specifically focuses on digitally connected services. At their core is the online booking platform, Bosch Secure Truck Parking. The digital platform allows trucking companies and drivers themselves to reserve parking spaces online or by smartphone app in real time. The truckers are the first to benefit as knowing that their pre-booked parking lot will be available reduces stress and enables more comfort. Moreover, parking transactions are automatically documented and online invoiced, which eases the bureaucratic burden of parking and improves user experience. Finally, the booking platform has open APIs to other systems e.g. fleet management or navigation software, enabling an integrated solution around parking.

The booking platform also provides comprehen sive information on infrastructure and facilities available at truck parking areas including information on their security features, for example whether it is fenced in, has access control gates, or video surveillance. The platform also lists available infrastructure, such as restrooms and shower facilities, hotels, restaurants, or truckwash facilities.

#### Video monitoring and video analytics

With its own monitoring center, Bosch can also provide state-of-the-art security operation services in line with the EU truck parking standard for security operations. Video Analytics is an important enabler of any strategy to substantially improve security while also offering clear business advantages beyond that. The analytic tools use metadata to add sense and structure to captured video footage. The intelligent cameras can be linked to the Bosch monitoring center. If incidents are detected, an immediate alarm is forwarded to the Bosch monitoring center. The security agents in the center can than take immediate actions like audio intervention or direct activation of local intervention partners or the police.



## Collaboration with partners enables broader service range

The concept development, construction, and operation of a truck stop is complex. As a key success factor, Bosch works together with regional construction companies and pan-European specialists. Software is available both as an on-premise server solution and a cloud service. The solution ensures a full digital operation and integration into digital truck stop environment, and is connected to the Bosch online system.

#### Frechen as a showcase of holistic security

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A great example of the holistic security solution by Bosch is the Frechen truck stop near autobahn A1 in North Rhein-Westphalia. The modern parking area near Cologne offers around 40 secure parking spaces. Forwarders can book these via the Bosch Secure Truck Parking app. The fully connected solution ensures maximum security: more than 20 security cameras with intelligent video analytics by Bosch monitor the four gated entrances and exits as well as the parking area. In addition, a pedestrian interlock ensures that only authorized persons can enter the area. The parking lot is now securely enclosed, gated, illuminated in a way that saves energy and equipped with intelligent technology. With the help of AI-based video analytics, the security cameras immediately detect risks and unwanted movements and sound the alarm at the Bosch video control center. Audio technology built in video cameras allows control center staff to contact people on the premises immediately and notify local security forces or police if necessary. Regular virtual guard tours round off the security concept. Booking parking spaces also works efficiently and digitally: Parking spaces can be booked via the Bosch Secure Truck Parking web portal or app. Truck drivers can pass through the barrier and drive onto the premises with digital license plate recognition.

#### For more information

please visit www.bosch-secure-truck-parking.com

**Video about the tic security solution at Frechen truck stop:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmM4l8YNOMg



## CEF PROJECT IN CURTICI CONTINUES TO PROGRESS

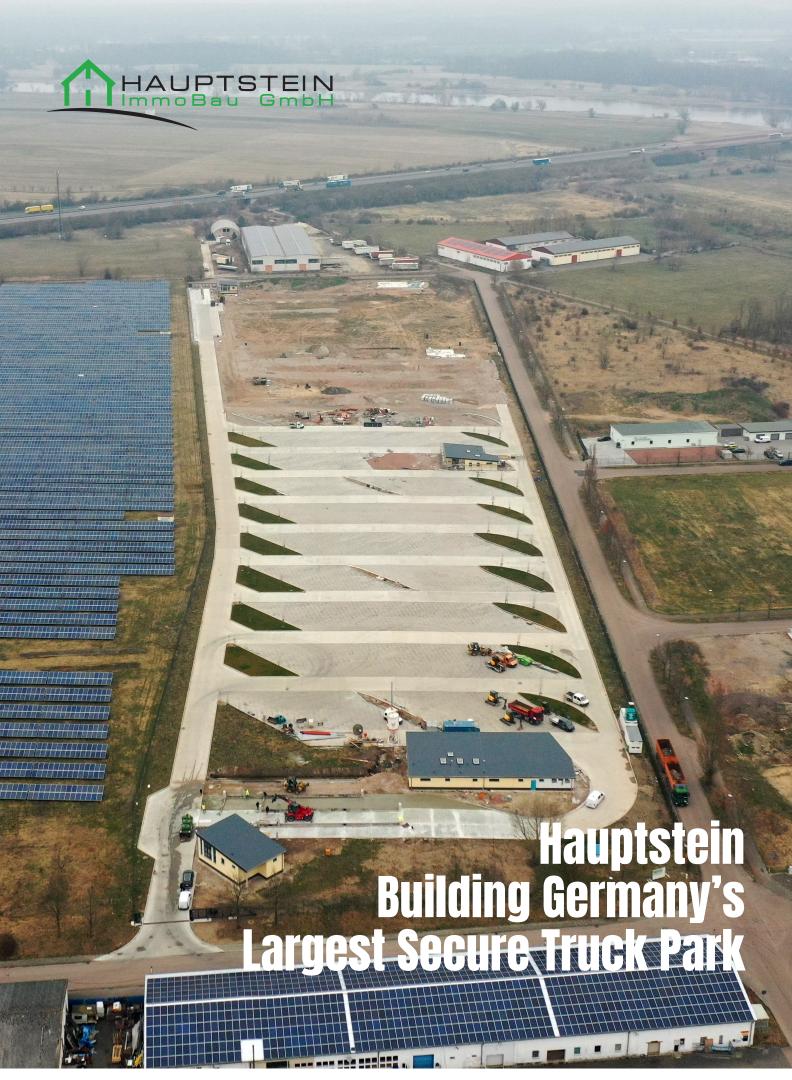


The constructions regarding the most modern and secure parking lot from the county of Arad, built to match the European Standards, are making progress with each passing day in the city of Curtici. Through an investment of almost 12 million euros, Trade Trans Combi will develop 200 parking spots. The entire surface of the future parking lot has been uncovered.

In the upcoming period, the sewage installations and the electric cables will be installed, around which the area will be fenced, and high-performance surveillance systems will be installed. They have already successful passed the control, which took place on Wednesday, April 27th. 2022.







Just off the A9 highway in Germany, near Vockerode, Hauptstein ImmoBau GmbH has invested tens of millions into building the largest safe and secure truck parking area in Germany. The company itself, Hauptstein ImmoBau GmbH, acts as a developer for various building projects in the Munich and Berlin area.

The idea for this parking area came about through Albert Hauptstein, the father and founder of the company Firmengruppe Hauptstein under which Hauptstein ImmoBau GmbH operates. Throughout his numerous trips between Munich and Berlin, he noticed the need for safe and secure parking. Though Albert has passed away, his son Gerhard is continuing the project. "My father had seen the constantly overcrowded parking lots. There were even trucks on the shoulder," says his son Gerhard. "Also, you keep reading about gangs ripping open the tarpaulins at night. The damage is in the millions."

The first 107 parking spaces will be available by Fall 2022. 350 spaces are planned on the 80,000 square meter area of the truck parking area.

In addition, two gatehouses with modern technology, four social and sanitary buildings where the truckers can shower or watch tv, a fitness course, table tennis, bike rental and a just further down the road there is a hotel and bistro. Gerhard Hauptstein hopes that trucker drivers can find peace and a shower at this certified parking spaces. Trailer/container swapping is also an option at the parking area.

The secure parking area will not only provide the peace, rest, and services that drivers need, but will stimulate the local economy. "Up to 40 permanent jobs will be created in the parking lot, in the hotel and bistro, plus jobs for students."

ESPORG commends Albert and Gerhard Hauptstein for recognizing the need for safe and secure parking and the investment of Hauptstein ImmoBau GmbH to fund the building of a parking area with so many services for drivers and whose existence will also benefit the local community. The parking area is an ESPORG member and will be certified according to the EU-Parking Standard.



## SUCCESSFUL ESPORG WORKSHOP AT INTERPORTO DI GORIZIA



ESPORG has a mission to meet its members where they are in order to fully address the issues of the sector efficiently and in depth. In continuing with this mission, ESPORG has started to organize workshops for members in their native countries and in their native languages. The first of these workshops included the Italian members of ESPORG and was hosted by ESPORG member SDAG Interporto di Gorizia in Italy.

You can find the English version of their press release about the workshop below: (to read the original version, please visit https://www.fer-press.it/european-safe-and-secure-truck-parking-parcheggi-per-mezzi-pesanti-certificati-come-sicuri-e-protetti-in-europa/)

On Thursday 12 May 2022, ESPORG (European Safe and Secure Truck Parking Organization) organized a workshop on the theme "Safe and secure parking lots for heavy vehicles and new European standards", in which various stakeholders from the sector participated.

After such a long period of travel restrictions, we are very happy to be able to organize workshops and bring our members and interested parties together again. This Italian workshop was quite successful, with pertinent and relevant information in the presentations and valuable discussion regarding challenges the industry faces and how to prepare for the future. ESPORG is happy to be the glue that can connect all these interested parties and we are grateful to new Board Member Tamara Corsano from SDAG for helping to organize the workshop on site at Autoporto di Gorizia. We look forward to having more events like this one. -Dirk Penasse, General Manager of ES-**PORG** 

SDAG, also a member of ESPORG, has always paid particular attention to parking lots for heavy vehicles, currently hosting a total of 550 spaces intended exclusively for truck parking. In fact, it should be remembered that on the A34 Villesse-Gorizia motorway, where the Gorizia Interport is located, there is heavy traffic of trucks which in 2021 reached 2.2 million, and the number is inevitably destined to grow in all of Europe. Road traffic remains the most advantageous today, but the working conditions of truckers are still difficult and do not attract new employees.

"SDAG already obtained European certification through DEKRA with the support of ESPORG in 2019, classifying itself together with the Brescia Est Autopark among the only two areas currently certified in Italy - declares AU Grendene - and further investments are planned for the implementation of a new intelligent video sur-



veillance and access control system, as well as new toilets and showers for hauliers, which will lead to an upgrade of the certification level according to the new European standards dictated by legislation."

In addition to host SDAG, two new ESPORG members from Italy attended the workshop and will also be working towards certification according to the EU-Parking Standard: representatives from TruckVillage Collefero and Truck One in San Benedetto del Tronto. Longstanding ESPORG member Autoparco Brescia was also in attendance and presented several challenges the secure parking area faces.

ASSOTIR (Associazione Italiana Imprese di Transporto), who works under the EU umbrella organisation of UETR (an ESPORG partner) was also in attendance with several representatives. ASSOTIR is committed to the creation of safe and secure parking areas in Italy and finds it essential to achieve the goal of providing Italy with a widespread network of safe & secure parking areas for heavy vehicles.

The conference addressed this issue of great interest and hosted several points of view:

ESPORG General Manager Dirk Penasse and Delegate to the Board Frédéric Maas; for RAM SpA (an in-house company of the Ministry of Transport), Matteo Arena, for the ZAI Consortium - Interporto Quadrante Europa Verona Alberto Milotti and Andrea Ballarin; for the Brescia East car park, Pier Giovanni Pisani; for Autostrada del Brennero SpA Ilaria De Biasi; for DEKRA Italia SpA Marco Scaccabarozzi.

It was an important discussion from which shared points emerged on which to act both at national and European level.



## You can find more information regarding the workshop via the following Italian news sources:

https://www.ship2shore.it/it/logistica/workshop-di-esporg-all-interporto-di-gorizia\_81020.htm https://www.ferpress.it/european-safe-and-secure-truck-parking-parcheggi-per-mezzi-pesanti-certificati-come-sicuri-e-protetti-in-europa/

https://www.ilfriuli.it/articolo/economia/parcheggi-sicuri-per-i-mezzi-pesanti/4/266296

## NOMADPOWER WORKSHOP.

On May 13th, ESPORG technical partner NomadPower conducted a workshop in Italian for the Italian members of ESPORG. This is the first of a series of online workshops Nomad-Power will organize with ESPORG in order to reach members locally in their native language. The next workshop will take place on May 30th for German members.

NomadPower provides the ultimate solution for a modern, quiet and sustainable way of electric cooling of refrigeration trailers at parking areas. By implementing NomadPower into the charging infrastructure, secure parking areas can be prepared for the future. Thanks to its growing charging network of across Europe, refrigerated trucks can enjoy the many benefits of cheap, quiet, and clean electric trailer cooling during their journeys. Its charging points use 100% renewable electricity which substantially reduces harmful emissions.



For more information about the solutions NomadPower can offer you, please contact christy.ha@esporg.eu or hans.bevers@nomadpower.eu.







#### **Successful Expert Group Meeting**

The Expert Group on EU Safe and Secure Parking Areas had a meeting on May 18, 2022. ESPORG attended this meeting, along with representatives from various Member States, as well as various representatives from trade associations and logistics stakeholders. The meeting was chaired by representatives from the European Commission and the topics discussed included the recently published Delegated Regulation (April 7), the importance of the well-being of the driver as well as cargo security, the need for more secure parking spaces, draft Ten-T regulation. CEF Funding was also discussed—the availability regarding current and planned calls as well as the fact that 22 proposals were made for the ongoing call. In addition, the objective of

building more safe and secure parking areas and concrete ways to do this were a key topic of discussion.

#### May 30th Online Workshop

On May 30th, NomadPower will host a workshop, together with ESPORG, regarding sustainable charging solutions at truck parking areas in Germany. To register for the workshop or for more information, please contact christy.ha@esporg.eu

#### Tour with MEPs

ESPORG is currently touring several parking areas with various MEPs. The outcome of this tour as well as the discussion points will be published in the next edition of INTRANSIT.



