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Dear Members and Friends of ESPORG,

Welcome to the November edition of INTRANSIT!

This month our members are quite busy with their ongoing CEF projects or CEF applications. We want to feature the ongoing project from member Malex Thor in this month's edition.

We also want to highlight ESPORG member Truck Park Brescia in Italy for updates to their secure truck parking area and especially for their GOLD certification according to the EU-Parking Standard. ESPORG encourages its members to follow Brescia's example and certify their safe and secure parking areas—this is the only way to ensure the implementation of the Standard across Europe, so that drivers have access to the comfort and rest they deserve.

In addition, we are featuring member Transportes Calsina y Carré for their new offer of Calsina Carré Services. We commend them for their dedication to improving the transport sector and making sure that all drivers who use their services have the quality facilities and safety they need. Way to go, Calsina Carré!

ESPOORG would also like to remind its readers this month about the European Excellence in Truck Parking Award 2023 that was launched last month. This award is to identify the best excellence in truck parking areas in Europe and acknowledge the dedication to the wellbeing and safety of drivers as well as setting an example of good practices in the industry.

We are also featuring one of our associated members, NomadPower, who is consistently working to make sure that safe and secure parking areas are sustainable and comply with the EU-Parking Standard.

Make sure you read our 'ESPOORG 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 members Transportes Bray and SAS Kosmos in France, Aristreas in Spain, and Stroykomplekt in Bulgaria.

We look forward to making the logistics industry safer and more secure with you!

Best wishes,

Dirk Pen



Safe and secure truck parking areas across Europe are invited to submit their dossiers for the 2023 edition of ESPORG's Excellence in Truck Parking Award by 10 February 2023.

ESPOrg, the European Secure Truck Parking Organisation, is now welcoming candidate applications for its 2023 Excellence in Truck Parking Award edition, 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.

As a reminder, in 2022 the French Truck Etape Béziers 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.

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, to be held on 1 March 2023.

“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 invite truck parking areas from all over Europe to apply by 10 February 2023, to compete for this prestigious award.”, said 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

CALSINA CARRÉ SERVICES: CARRIER AT CARRIER'S SERVICE



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The logical way

Currently, in the European context of a lack of infrastructure for transporters to be able to carry out their profession with dignity and ensure compliance with regulations, there is a need for commitment by the organizations that constitute the sector to improve drivers' working conditions. This is the reason why the transport and logistics company, Calsina Carré, decided to open its facilities to external drivers. In doing so, Calsina Carré aims to improve the quality of professional drivers' breaks with a wide range of services in a safe and protected environment. Who could do better than Calsina Carré, which is already a fleet operator and very knowledgeable about the sector needs?

Calsina Carré Services is a translogistic hub strategically located in the Mediterranean Corridor, 18 kilometres from the French border. Its location is also next to Vilamalla, future intermodal and logistical zone of the province.

To take this step, Calsina Carré, who already boast very powerful facilities at the Pont de Molins headquarters, has chosen to invest extra in order to guarantee the highest service quality. The company has put forth major effort to



expand areas in order to provide 100k m2 equipped with different services and facilities specially intended for drivers and their vehicles. Calsina Carré Services has currently 400 parking spaces available, however, the company is planning a second phase of the project for the end of 2023, which foresees an expansion of the parking area along with new service modules.

The gas station, which had 4 lanes, has been remodeled by doubling the number of lanes to ensure easy access and avoid queues. The station stocks diesel, diesel A, AdBlue and gasoline and has its own staff to provide assistance if needed.

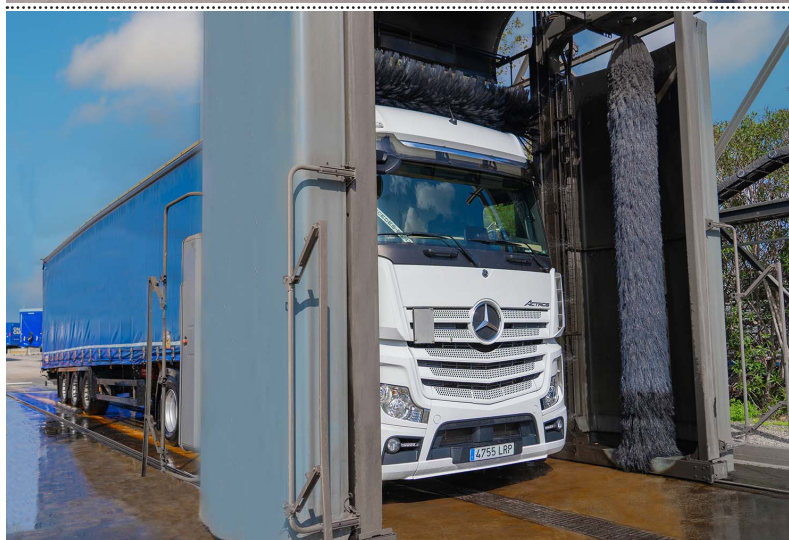
The area enabled for external carriers is equipped by modules with everything the driver may need during the resting period of his trip: restrooms, showers, laundry service, luggage storage room, vending machines, wifi and rest area.

Calsina Carré Services was born with a clear focus on security and quality. All facilities are equipped with 24h video surveillance cameras, controlled access barriers and a whole integrated IT system based on QR codes. All these improvements catapulted the company forward to obtain one of the highest quality certifications for the European safe and secure truck parking areas: the Gold level of the EU-Parking Standard.

The services devised for the vehicle are also included in these facilities, which feature a washing tunnel, the possibility of tire assistance and punctual repairs, along with the sale of safety elements and replacement spare parts.

In addition, the company is able to offer all the logistical support as a carrier with 50 years of experience: the possibility of storage, movement of goods and even transport collaborations.

Calsina Carré Services is a major investment in the future of the company, which intends to continue growing and searching for opportunities to improve the sector by providing value, proficiency and service.



TRUCK PARK BRESCIA EST RECEIVES "GOLD" LEVEL SSTPA CERTIFICATION

A further confirmation of the high standards of safety and services offered by the largest truck park in Europe

Truck Park Brescia Est has obtained the GOLD level "Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas - SSTPA" certification.



The SSTPA certification is issued by DEKRA, the only accredited body in Europe, and it is based on the EU-Parking Standard defined in the legislation of the European Commission and supported by ESPORG for truck parking areas. This certification is awarded to those areas that guarantee high safety for drivers, heavy vehicles and goods that significantly contribute to the modernization of road transport in Europe. Truck Park Brescia Est is an integral part of the services that A4 Holding, an Abertis Group company, offers to truckers. Born in 2009, this area presents a new concept of structure mainly dedicated to heavy vehicles where customers can stay or spend the night leaving vehicles in total safety and comfort and find all the services dedicated to their trucks.

The structure is located at the "Brescia Est" exit of the A4 -Torino-Trieste motorway in the north of Italy. Open 24/7, over the years it has become an increasingly important reference point for every truck driver who uses the A4 motorway, which crosses Italy from east to west, thanks to its central position. It is considered a true "transport citadel" where everything is organized and studied in detail to guarantee efficiency and speed in the service.

There are three key words for travellers that stop at Truck Park: safety, convenience and relax. What makes this area so special is the capacity to answer to the specific and unique truck drivers needs, having dedicated services that make Truck Park different from other structures, which can be simple service or rest areas. This certification confirms the high-level standards of safety and services offered at Truck Park, which hosts more than 150 thousand heavy vehicles parked in its approximately 400 parks every year, data that make the Brescia Est area the largest truck park in Europe.





In addition to the wide range of services guaranteed to transporters such as the Santa Giulia Hotel, the filling station, the market, the truck washing and a spare truck parts shop, the safety system for the parking of trucks has recently been renewed, and now provides closed circuit cameras and an active surveillance within a fenced area, forming an exceptional safety system. These requirements have allowed Truck Park to obtain the “GOLD” level of SSTPA certification, being the first and only in Italy, confirming on one hand the high quality of the services offered, and on the other hand the safety guaranteed to drivers and the goods transported.



“Having obtained this certification – says director Pier Giovanni Pisani – represents a great achievement for our Truck Park, which consistently looks to the future, always ready to renew itself and find new solutions to be in step with the times and respond to new and different needs. As a matter of fact, the structure will soon be implemented with alternative fuels systems and a specific service of parking for expensive goods.”

SAFE AND SECURE TRUCK PARKING AREAS: ESPORG ASSOCIATED MEMBER NOMADPOWER OFFERS SER- VICES TO COMPLY WITH EU REGULATIONS

Road transport is an important part of European supply chains with Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) transporting goods worth billions of euros every day. The economy of Europe relies on these transportation systems to maintain consistent supply of goods and services. Despite the importance of this sector, there seems to be a lack of quality standards when it comes to working conditions for drivers and security level of truck parks. These problems lead to a decrease in job attractiveness, and thus, demand for recruitment, which is a negative influence on the industry. To solve these issues, The European Union has attempted to improve the quality of European truck parks. The European Commission (EC) introduced the EU-Parking Standard for Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas (SSTPAs) in 2018, including points regarding both security and service. In April 2022, they proposed even more measures to get closer to their goal. It seems like truck parks will need to tick a lot of boxes to be considered safe and secure, as well as to obtain funding.

What are the new measures?

The EC has introduced new measures that truck parks need to comply with in order to obtain necessary assessments and certifications. These are in alignment with the Mobility Package, which are the newly approved rules aiming to enhance the working conditions of drivers, avoid illegal activities in road transport, procure fair competition, and ensure equal pay. The EC intends to lay a strong foundation of minimum standards for truck parks and coordinate consistent and satisfactory operations all over Europe. This interconnected framework will also involve compatible information communication and technology (ICT) solutions to modernize the systems.

Here are the five main measures that the EC will require from truck parks:

- 1.** Food and beverage options: In addition to snacks and drinks that are available 24/7, dining areas will be required as well.
- 2.** Gender-friendly sanitary facilities: These include gender-specific toilets and showers, along with hot water taps and hand soap. Daily cleaning and inspection are also mandatory for these facilities.
- 3.** Communication connections: Internet should be free to use for drivers.
- 4.** Availability of emergency contact points and procedures: Precautions should be taken to assure safe traffic movement. Plus, the emergency contacts should be provided at least in English, also demonstrated with easily understandable graphics.
- 5.** Power supply: Power outlets should be accessible for personal use. Moreover, there should be electric charging stations compatible with refrigerated vehicles by December 31, 2026.

Furthermore, four security levels (Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze) are introduced as well, which will be dependent on factors such as entry & exit procedures, security guards, and CCTV cameras. These will help clarify how secure both new and existing parking areas are.



“The EU-Parking Standard provides measures for truck parking areas which give a minimum requirement of service and security measures for drivers. The idea is to have safety, security, quality, connectivity and care in providing services to professional truck drivers when using safe and secure truck parking areas. It is why we push our members to certify their truck parking areas according to the EU-Parking Standard and have used it as basis criteria for our ESPORG Excellence in Truck Parking Award,” says Dirk Pennasse, General Manager of the European Secure Parking Organisation (ESPORG), which was one of the driving forces behind the study that created the EU-Parking Standard.

What can you do about it now?

It is important to fulfill these requirements as early as possible. While the first four of them are relatively easier to complete, the fifth one, i.e. electric charging infrastructure for refrigerated vehicles, is the one that will make a difference. Refrigerated vehicles are a core element of the supply chain, as they are responsible for delivering frozen and refrigerated products in compliance with health and safety rules on a daily basis. Due to their crucial importance and the current lack of available parking places for them, the EC decided to prioritize their operations and expect all the safe and secure truck parks to offer electric cooling stations for these vehicles.

What you can do now is find out what type of refrigerated vehicle charging infrastructure would be the best option for your truck park, and start planning their installation. This is an important step to not only earn the title of a “safe and secure truck park” by the EU, but also to attract more drivers to your location. 2026 might seem like a far date, but early birds are always rewarded.

How can NomadPower help you?

The ESPORG associated member NomadPower offers complete installation and mobile payment services for refrigerated vehicles and e-truck charging infrastructure. In addition to finding the ideal pedestal for your park, they will guide you on how to install and show you how to best administer your system. Their pedestals do not require any employee support, drivers can easily activate them through a click on their app, pay for their usage, and stop it when they are done. All you have to do is sit back and see the revenue coming in via your own operator portal. You can stay in control of all the sessions by checking real-time energy consumption through your account.

NomadPower can help you earn the qualification of a safe and secure truck park, as well as prepare you for the future of the industry. Electric trucks are coming in fast, and they will start dominating the sector before we know it. By investing in NomadPower charging stations, you can be ready for this revolution and be one of the first truck parks to offer e-truck charging.

If you are interested in their services, but do not have the means to make the investment yourself yet, NomadPower would be happy to invest as well. In that case, NomadPower would bear the cost of the pedestals and install them in your park, while you can enjoy a cut of the revenue and receive more guests as a result of the NomadPower brand recognition. You can reach NomadPower at info@nomadpower.eu and +31 85 2012781 to discuss business opportunities more in detail.

Source:

- Frotcom
- IRU
- EU Parking



CEF SPOTLIGHT: MALEX THOR

ESPORG Member Malex Thor is building a CEF-funded parking area which will be one of the first safe and secure parking areas in Europe at Platinum level.



The main objective of this project is to build a new and secure parking area and contribute to the development of a dense network of SSTPAs located on European freight corridors.

The safe and secure parking area will provide 86 safe and secure truck parking spaces and two electric charging stations for trucks as well as a building with services for truck drivers, such as toilets, showers for men and women.

The larger project encompasses a gas station platform and building (fast fuel and additives supply for trucks, restaurant and minimarket), a truck wash and a hotel (47 rooms + bathrooms).

The project will be located near the A1 motorway, less than 500 metres from the Seceani A1 exit, and about 1 kilometre from the Ortoara exit, making it accessible from both sides of the A1 motorway. Two European TEN-T corridors overlap on this section of the A1: RHINE- DAN-UBE and ORIENT/EAST-MED.





The project is being implemented in a favourable context for investments in the transport sector. Both European and national policies are encouraging new investments in the transport sector, including safe and secure parking for trucks.

The realisation of the project will have a considerable social impact as it will respond to existing needs and problems in the field, such as:



- reducing the travel time needed to reach a secure parking area;
- improving working conditions for professional drivers of goods vehicles by providing high quality services;
- making trucks less vulnerable to theft by providing safe parking spaces;
- minimising the indirect externalities that can affect the population while searching for secure parking spaces such as air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, etc.



We are looking forward to this exciting project materialising next year and to offering the first Platinum parking area in Eastern Europe.



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ESPORG Conference

Save the date! On March 1, 2023, ESPORG will hold its annual conference in the European Parliament. MEP Vlad Gheorghe will attend as a keynote speaker. The official program will follow shortly. If you are interested in attending, 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 Course in Italian!

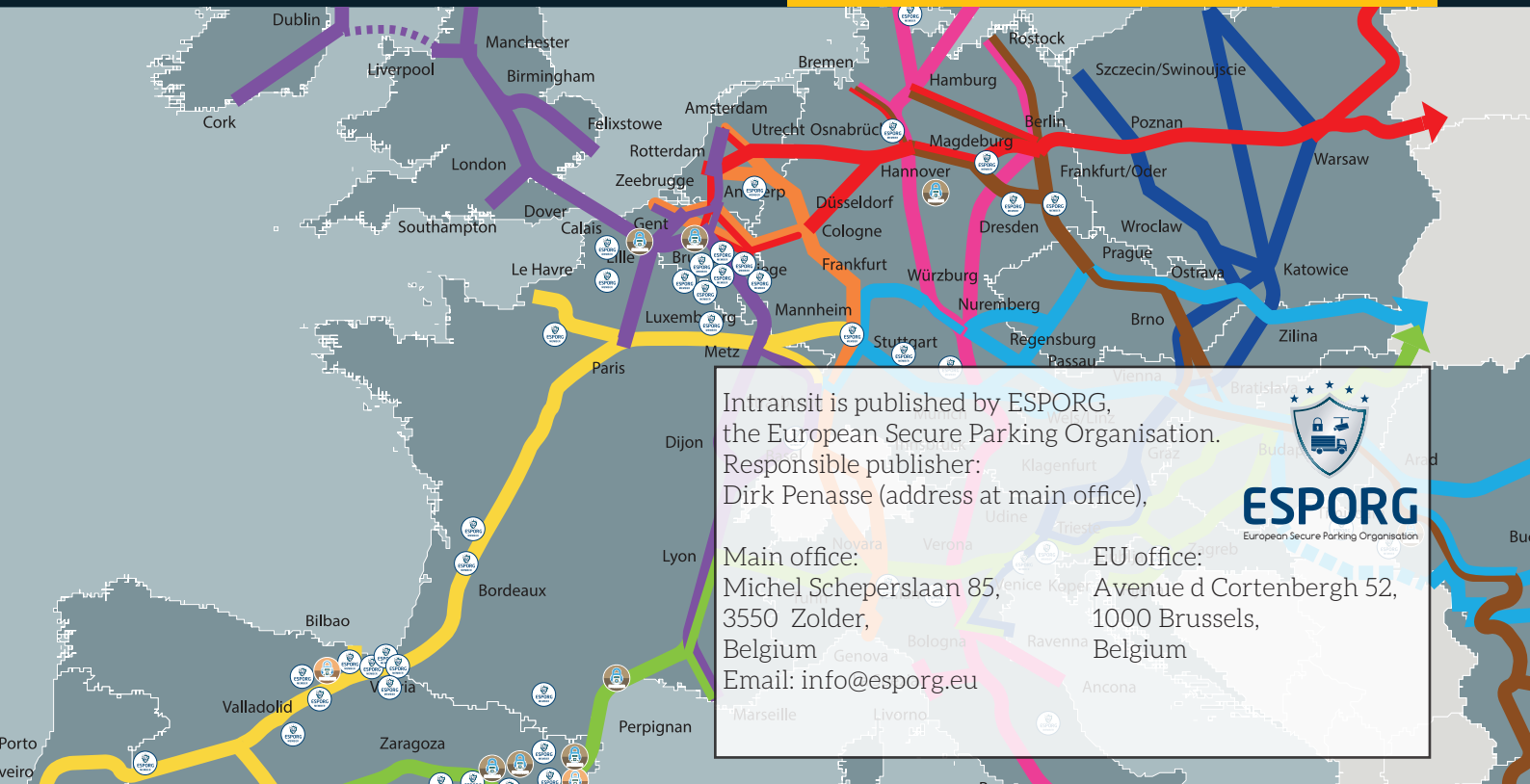
The EU Parking Academy has officially launched the course in Italian this month. The Hungarian and Romanian courses will follow shortly.

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

We want your suggestions!

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