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Dear Members and Friends of ESPORG,

Welcome to the February edition of INTRANSIT!

This month we want to introduce our readers to two new Belgian members, one a truck parking area who will apply for CEF funding and build a certified safe and secure parking area and the other, a company who is looking to automate, digitize, securitize, and spatially optimize logistics movements for a wider business park, with underlying tailoring to the individual additional business processes.

The application process for the 2023 edition of the ESPORG European Excellence in Truck Parking Award has officially closed and the jury has deliberated. On March 1st the winner(s) will be announced at the award ceremony at the annual ESPORG Conference. Be sure to take a look at the applicants in this edition.

Alternative fuel and charging infrastructure is a key topic in today's discussions and is high on ESPORG's agenda as well. Along with several key collaborative organisations, ESPORG has sent a joint open letter to key policy makers within the European Commission and Parliament. Make sure to read our letter!

Last but not least, associated member Milence conducted a successful workshop in February with several ESPORG members, also with the topic of alternative fuel and charging infrastructure in Europe. Milence is on an industrious journey to build and operate at least 1,700 public charge points in Europe by 2027.

Make sure you read our 'ESPORG 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 member Certas Energy in France. We look forward to making the logistics industry safer and more secure with you!

Best wishes,

Dirk Penasse

SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP WITH MILENCE

On February 9, 2023, ESPORG hosted an online workshop with associated member Milence for ESPORG members. A little more about Milence:

Milence is a joint venture formed by Volvo Group, Daimler Truck, and TRATON GROUP, which was established in 2022 and is dedicated to making the future of road transport fossil-free. With 500 million euros in initial funding, they aim to deliver sustainable energy for all battery-electric heavy-duty vehicles by rolling out a large-scale public charging network.

They will build and operate at least 1,700 public charge points in Europe by 2027. Milence will initially focus on charging locations in the Netherlands, Germany, France, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Norway, and Sweden. They will also build charging locations in the United Kingdom, Denmark, Poland, Austria, Czechia, Switzerland, and Portugal in the coming five years.

In the workshop, Koen Nuyens and Roel Vissers introduced themselves as well as Milence and focused on the outlook on electric heavy-duty vehicle update in Europe. They then discussed the Milence rollout plan for a HDV recharging network in Europe as well as ways for infrastructure technology to be at safe and secure parking areas. Nuyens and Vissers then discussed policy enables for the successful implementation of this alternative fuel infrastructure. Finally, they wrapped up with conclusions and a Q&A session with members.

Want to know more about Milence and the services they provide? Contact Koen Nuyens at koen.nuyens@milence.com or Roel Vissers at Roel.Vissers@milence.com.



OPEN LETTER IN SUPPORT OF A FASTER ROLL OUT OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE



ESPOG has collaborated with the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA), AXSOL, CLECAT, the University of Duisburg-Essen, the Association of European Vehicle Logistics (ECG), Milence, and the European Road Hauliers Association (UETR) through the E-Parking Task Force to write and send an open letter in support of a faster rollout of alternative fuel instructor to key policy makers within the European Parliament and Commission. Read the letter on the next pages:

OPEN LETTER IN SUPPORT OF A FASTER ROLL OUT OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE

Attn:

- EP rapporteurs: MEP Ismail Ertug, MEP Barbara Thaler and MEP Dominique Riquet
- Mr Gustaf Molander, Counsellor for Transport Affairs, Swedish Permanent Representation to the EU / Swedish Presidency of the EU
- cc: Mrs Adina-Ioana Vălean, European Commissioner for Transport

European Parliament and Council need to demonstrate strategic leadership, vision and ambition to speed up development of alternative fuel infrastructure in Europe within the TEN-T network, with Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas (SSTPAs) as key charging hubs.

On the eve of key discussions and vote in the European Parliament, and likely intense negotiations between Parliament and Council, on the European Commission proposal to revise EU rules on the development of the trans-European transport network (TEN-T), the undersigned industry stakeholders urge the two legislators to demonstrate strategic leadership, vision and ambition. They must ensure compatibility and complementarity between the TEN-T Regulation and the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR), and establish ambitious targets which will lead Europe to the green and sustainable future its citizens deserve.

To reach the current CO₂ reduction target of 30% for heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs) by 2030, an EU-wide fleet of at least 230,000 battery electric and 50,000 hydrogen-powered vehicles will have to be in operation by this date. Around 180,000 of these will have to be long haul trucks relying on Megawatt Charging (MCS). This fleet alone will need more than 30,000 publicly accessible charging points by 2030, of which a very large majority must be MCS chargers, and a minimum number of hydrogen refuelling stations. Should the CO₂ reduction targets be increased even further, both the number of vehicles required and the charging/refuelling points necessary to service them will also have to increase. Today, almost no truck-suitable charging points or hydrogen refuelling stations are operational. Hence, the urgent need for ambitious coverage targets, and a challenging timeline, to provide an enabling environment for operators, and to facilitate the achievement of the EU Green Deal objectives.

Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas (SSTPAs), which are certified according to the EU-Parking Standard, are ideal for the deployment of such chargers since, as principal infrastructure providers, they can monitor occupancy and ensure both the safety of the driver and the security of the truck for overnight charging in a non-discriminatory environment as well as providing the social working conditions drivers need to carry out their duties. In many cases the necessary infrastructures already exist in part, as well as initial expertise, from the provision of connections for refrigerated lorries. This makes SSTPAs certified according to the EU standard particularly fit for this purpose, to serve as resting areas for drivers and charging points for vehicles, whilst at the same time ensuring connectivity.

The united road transport industry stakeholders therefore invite the legislators to:

- commit to infrastructure targets that anticipate and fully support the deployment of these vehicles, including for long-distance transport, and thus give road transport operators the confidence to start investing in alternative technology vehicles and in SSTPAs on the TEN-T and comprehensive networks, as proposed by the European Parliament;
- recognise, promote and support SSTPAs, certified according to the EU Standard, as strategic EU infrastructure hubs where a large part of the alternative fuel infrastructure can be situated, and which will also promote and ensure the well-being and safety of professional drivers;

- provide different options for eventual unit price calculations, depending on grid connection complexity in the given area and on the charging technology installed;
- exempt publicly accessible alternative fuels infrastructure for HDVs from overly stringent technology requirements being negotiated under the AFIR. With the logistics sector being completely B2B driven, mandating it to adopt B2C-targeted minimum requirements such as payment systems, displays or pricing schemes will hinder innovation and not match the needs of the commercial vehicle market;
- recognize the urgent need to rapidly expand existing network capacities and to enable new flexible alternatives to the current, stagnating network expansion. Decentralized battery storage enables the demand-based and secure delivery of charging power and alleviates the stress on the current distribution network infrastructure due to the expected increased electricity demand in the future.

The stakeholders also invite the European Commission to:

- substantially increase the current EU support and funding, such as that provided within CEF-T, to accelerate the development and roll out of a dense network of recharging and refuelling alternative fuel infrastructure for HDVs, including at SSTPAs, in the next 2-3 years.
- support, including financially, educational and promotional campaigns for SSTPAs, as well as for their audit, certification and training of drivers and managers according to the EU standard, and their connection to a central point, in order to reach the greatest number of potential investors and stakeholders and thus increase awareness and the quality of applications for EU co-funding;
- ensure synergies between TEN-T and TEN-E by enabling additional co-funding opportunities for highcapacity charging stations together with on-site renewable energy deployment and, in general, for the deployment of alternative fuel infrastructure for HDVs on SSTPAs.

Bearing in mind the expected needs as well as business investment cycle, the undersigned remind policy decision makers that the capacity of businesses to invest in alternative fuel vehicles largely depends on the availability and adequacy of alternative fuel infrastructure and the financial and tax incentives that will be created at EU and Member State levels, to speed up the green transition and achieve business and policy targets.

Thanking you for considering these proposals. We stand ready to meet and further elaborate on them, and we look forward to receiving your positive response and support for a more sustainable future.

Signatories:







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COMPACS: SMART TRUCK PARKING AS A SERVICE

When taking a closer look at logistics business parks in Flanders and Europe, there is an enormous demand for parking spaces, buildings and materials. It is therefore regrettable to note that cooperation in function of shared use of infrastructure, buildings and materials is virtually non-existent. In addition, the importance of safety and compliance with regulations is increasing and finding sufficient staff is an acute problem facing logistics companies.

Thanks to the Flemish Institute for Logistics (VIL) and the Flemish Agency for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (VLAIO), Quares and Peripass are working on a central automated truck park, including compliance services, to automate, digitize and secure the inbound and outbound flows to company sites as much as possible. This solution, called COMPACS, ensures that people can work in a space-saving manner on business parks, increase transport compliance and provide a safe waiting area while waiting for a free gate.

“COMPACS wants to become the multifunctional gateway of logistics business parks and port areas in Europe by making Smart Truck Parking as a service a reality”

Bart De Smedt, Chief Innovation Officer, Quares



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What does COMPACS do?

Automating, digitizing, securitizing and spatially optimizing logistics movements for a wider business park, with underlying tailoring to the individual additional business processes. COMPACS focuses on both service innovation and technological innovation.

The integration and spatial opening up of COMPACS on logistics business parks can ensure that sky-high ecological, social and financial costs can be significantly reduced.

Why COMPACS?

Optimize space

Each shipper must provide a lot of valuable space for (waiting) trucks. This space is often not available or is insufficiently used. What if customers could purchase the required space “as a service” at a cluster car park when needed?

Increase efficiency

COMPACS will be fully integrated with existing ERP systems such as WMS and TMS so that data exchange can run smoothly, and efficiency can be greatly increased.

Reduce Costs

COMPACS aims to save costs for companies by centralizing, digitizing and automating as much as possible. This will lead to lower investment, process, personnel costs, etc.

Increase security and compliance

Maximum process integration and digitization can increase the control of actual compliance with safety regulations and compliance tasks. In addition, the central truck parking will meet the highest safety standards by certifying through the EU-Parking Standard.

Provide a Multifunctional Service access gate

COMPACS wants to become the multifunctional gateway of logistics business parks and port areas in Europe in order to streamline logistics flows, to offer drivers the much-needed parking space and facilities (Truckwash, Truck repair, Trailer Service, Tire center, Restaurant, Shop, etc.) and added value services to be delivered to all parties involved.

Clustering services for different companies opens up greater possibilities for automating and digitizing logistics check-in or check-out processes for the driver, the truck and cargo. COMPACS will consolidate those processes into a software solution that is tailored to the needs of the specific cluster and that can interact with the different systems of the users. In this way COMPACS makes Smart Truck Parking as a Service a reality.

Want to know more? Contact Bart.De.Smedt@quares.be for more information.



ESPORG EXCELLENCE IN TRUCK PARKING AWARD 2023: AND THE WINNER IS...

An international jury comprised of Inès MAILLART, DG MOVE of the European Commission, Elene SHATBERASHVILI, International Transport Forum (ITF), Thomas FABIAN (ACEA), Nicolette van der JAGT, CLECAT, Mike STURGEON, ECG, Carlo GIRO, IRU, Marco DIGIOIA, UETR, Peter Paul RUSCHIN, DEKRA, Anna KUZYNIN, KRAVAG TRUCK PARKING, Godfried SMIT, European Shippers Council, Marc van GROOTEL, TVM, and Agnieszka PILNIAK & Paulina RUDNICKA, TruckersLife deliberated together this month to find the applicant most worthy of the title “Europe’s Best Truck Parking Area”.

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.



Seven applications reached the final stage from five different countries. Take a look at the applicants below:

La Londonienne in Marck, France

La Londonienne is situated in an ideal location: Transmarck(exit 48/A16) just next to the highway and Calais where many drivers are searching for secure parking in view of the migratory situation but also to wait for boarding by boat or to get the shuttle. On site they have RDV Transports (transports and logistics company), The Garage Des Pins (workshops for LV and HGV), and La Londonienne (composed of one parking area dedicated to tractors and a brand new parking area of 130 spaces for trailers and tractors which opened in March 2022).



Since this opening, La Londonienne has tried to satisfy their customer needs and undertake new projects in order to offer drivers all the services they need.

mowiz TRUCK Astigarraga in Astigarraga, Spain

mowiz TRUCK is a secure parking area for trucks located in the town of Astigarraga, in the PK17 of the AP-8/AP-1 highway northbound. Its location is privileged, as it is in one of the areas with the highest traffic of tracks in Spain, in the TEN-T Atlantic



corridor. It is certified as GOLD according to the EU-Parking Standard. mowiz TRUCK Astigarraga has 341 available spaces, of which 30 are reserved for dangerous goods (14 flammable and 16 non-flammable). Refrigerated trucks have 16 specific spaces with plugs to connect to electrical power plus another 20 spaces without electrical connection in the same area.

The parking area has all the necessary facilities for the comfort and safety of the drivers. Their priority is based on the priorities of the drivers and mowiz TRUCK always wants to make drivers feel comfortable and as much as possible like they are at home.

OnTurtle La Jonquera in La Jonquera, Spain

OnTurtle La Jonquera is a fuel station and secured parking area located in the town of La Jonquera, next to highway AP7, exit 2. It is rated GOLD level in security and PLATINUM level in services through the EU-Parking Standard. The parking area offers 50 parking spots as well as the amenities drivers need for their comfort and security. Their priority is to ensure the safety of their clients and provide them with the highest quality service and assistance throughout their journey.



Smart Autohof in Pecica, Romania

Smart Autohof is strategically located on the 4th PanEuropean Corridor that connects all the major transit and transport routes with access from National Roads and Highway and close to the Romanian-Hungarian border. Smart Autohof is able to host 124 trucks and has a single entrance and single exit control point. They have dedicated parking spaces for controlled temperature trucks. The entire layout of the gold-certified safe and secure parking area was designed in order to maximize comfort, security and service availability for truck drivers.



Truck Arena 31 in Castelnaud'Estretfond, France

Truck Arena 31 is a brand new secured and guarded truck parking located in the town of Castelnaud'Estretfonds, on the highway A62, exit 10.1. It was opened in July 2021 and it is certified at the gold Level of the EU Parking Standard. The parking offers 130 spots and all the facilities that drivers need for their comfort and security. Indeed, their priority is to make sure drivers enjoy their stay on site. Therefore, they offer them maximum security, optimal customer assistance and many complimentary services and advantage.



Truck Etape Béziers in Vendres, France

Truck Etape Béziers is a secured and guarded truck parking located in the town of Vendres, on the highway A9, exit 36. It is certified at the gold Level of the EU Parking Standard. The parking offers 350 spots and all the facilities that drivers need for their comfort and security. Indeed, their priority is to make sure drivers enjoy their stay on site. Therefore, they offer max-



imum security, optimal customer assistance and many complimentary services and advantage. Truck Etape Béziers is the 2022 winner of the ESPORG Excellence in Truck Parking Award.

Truck Park Brescia in Castenedolo, Italy

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. The structure is located at the Brescia Est toll booth on the boundary of the A4 Brescia-Padova motorway section. It is considered a true “transport citadel” where everything is organized and studied in detail to guarantee efficiency and speed in the service. Truck Park Brescia Est, the largest in Europe, welcomes over 150,000 heavy vehicles from all over Europe each year, is open 24/7 and offers 367 parking spaces.



Thank you to all our wonderful finalists and to our international jury for their careful deliberations ! Stay tuned for when we announce the winner at our annual ESPORG Conference on March 1st!





INTRODUCING TRUCKSTOP VEURNE AND ROMAC FUELS

Truckstop Veurne



Truckstop Veurne and Romac Fuels recently joined the ESPORG network. We would like to introduce our readers to this Belgian based truck parking area.

Truckstop Veurne was recently completely renewed to offer even better service to the truck drivers who are customers of their service station 'Romac Fuels' or their shop. Because of its location close to the French border, it has the advantage of being an ideal place for any last-minute shopping before drivers go to Great Britain. The shop also offers the possibility to the drivers to relax through different facilities.

What else does Truckstop Veurne offer?

- A shop with food, snacks, car and truck accessories, work clothes and shoes, hot and cold drinks, hygiene products, tobacco and all else drivers need is just 100m away from the fuel and LNG station. This Truck Shop is open around the clock throughout the week from Monday at 7 AM until Friday at 9 PM and on Saturdays from 8 AM to 2PM.
- Even when the shop is closed, the Truck parking remains open on weekends.
- 30 spots, which are currently non-secured in front of the Truckstop, but where CCTV provide additional security.
- Drivers can order freshly made pizzas to eat in or to take away.
- Parked drivers (and other paying customers) have relaxing seats, toilets, showers, and pool tables available
- A laundry room with three washing machines and two dryers

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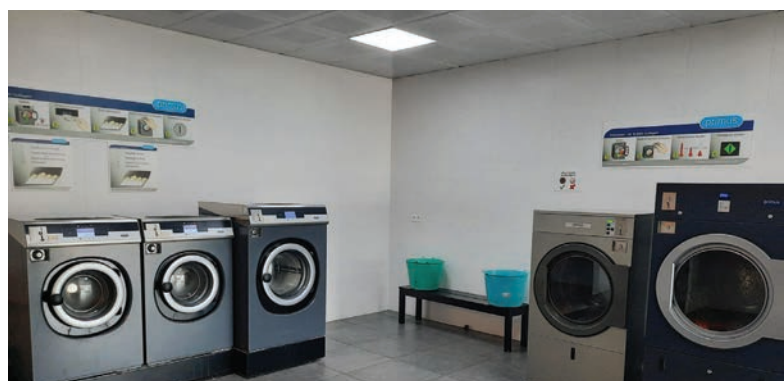
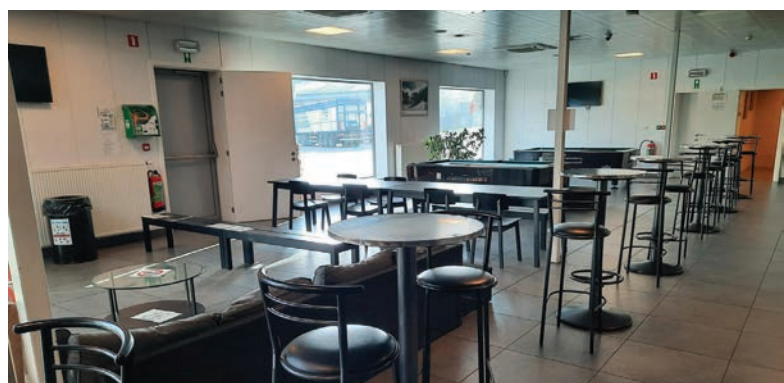
To maximize on their convenient offer, the Truckstop has a cleaning station right next door. There customers can take advantage of their truck and trailer cleaning service by a professional team. The station offers:

- 2 bays for exterior wash of vans, trucks and busses
- 2 bays for inside tank/silo-cleaning of trailers which transported cereals, polymers or minerals
- Interior cleaning of tipper & refrigerated trailers (with disinfection)
- For cars, there are 4 boxes where self-car-wash is available.

Looking to the future

A new safe and secure parking area is in the pipeline to be built, with an application already being prepared for the CEF Call 2023. The aim is to provide more safe and secure parking area spots to drivers as well as all-time services they can count on.

For more information, please visit their website <https://www.truckstopveurne.be>.



ESPORG Conference

On March 1, 2023, ESPORG will hold its annual conference in the European Parliament. Registrations have been closed but you can still follow online. Contact christy.ha@esporg.eu for more details.

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/>

We want your suggestions!

Do you have topics you want to read about in INTRANSIT or want to suggest for workshops? Let us know!

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