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Dear Members and Friends of ESPORG,

Welcome to the April edition of INTRANSIT!

This month we have the opportunity to feature several of our members and their opening events: Montmarault Truck Parking in France, Parkamion in Torino, Italy, Ketenis in the Port of Antwerp-Bruges, Belgium, and Logistic Investment Kft's kick-off event for their CEF project to build the largest safe and secure parking area in Hungary. Congratulations to our members for their commitment to safety and comfort for drivers by adding over 600 available secure parking spaces as well as their amenities.

In addition, we will highlight the runner-up of the 2023 ESPORG Excellence in Truck Parking Award: ESPORG member Truck Etape Béziers and its sister parking area Truck Arena 31.

We will also feature ESPORG Partner TVM, who joins ESPORG in their commitment to improving conditions for truck drivers. An article featuring yours truly and the mission of ESPORG will also be shared in this edition.

As always, in efforts to keep our readers informed on the most recent European news, we will elaborate on the recent news that the European Parliament TRAN Committee will support earlier deadlines for the completion of the core and comprehensive transport networks.

Last but not least, 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.

And finally, we would like to warmly welcome our new members INA in Croatia and the Port of Koper in Slovenia. We look forward to making the logistics industry safer and more secure with you!

Best wishes,

Dirk Penasse

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT TRAN COMMITTEE SUPPORTS EARLIER DEADLINES FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE CORE AND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT NETWORKS

On 13 April, the European Parliament transport committee (TRAN) voted* in favour of a reinforced TEN-T Regulation, in particular compared to the Council's General approach agreed at the end of last year.

Regarding safe and secure truck parking areas (SSTPAs) and contrary to the Council's General approach, which removed all binding obligations for EU Member States, TRAN supported earlier deadlines for the building of safe and secure parking areas on both the core and comprehensive network, even compared to the European Commission's proposal. For the completion of the core network TRAN proposes 2030 instead of 2040, and for the comprehensive network 2040 instead of 2050 as proposed by the European Commission.

Regarding the alternative fuel infrastructure, the TRAN Committee supported the role of additional alternative fuel technologies, such as hydrogen, in multimodal passenger hubs and freight terminals.

For TRAN, electric charging and hydrogen refuelling stations must be deployed by the end of 2030 for both passenger and goods transport, thus complementing the recently agreed EU rules on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (AFIR).

What's next?

As per EU rules, a formal vote in the Plenary of the European Parliament will not be needed and negotiations between the EU institutions (European Parliament, Council and Commission) to find a compromise are expected to begin already this April.

See more on the positions of the various actors in the decision-making process at [https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?lang=en&reference=2021/0420\(COD\)](https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?lang=en&reference=2021/0420(COD)).

*: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-9-2023-0147_EN.html



TRUCK ETAPE BÉZIERS AND TRUCK ARENA 31

This month ESPORG would like to feature two French members who have consistently demonstrated their dedication to the safety, health, comfort, and well-being of drivers:

Truck Etape Béziers

Truck Etape Béziers, located at exit 36 Béziers Ouest of the A9 motorway, is a guarded and secure car park, certified at the Gold level of the EU-Parking Standard and TAPA PSR. Excellence, the guarantee of optimal safety and the well-being of drivers are at the heart of its priorities.

After being voted best secure HGV car park through the ESPORG Excellence in Truck Parking Award in 2022, the car park has just been rewarded again and was awarded second place for the best European car park in 2023.

The Béziers Offer

With its 350 parking spaces, protected by a photovoltaic roof, it offers optimal comfort, providing shade and protection for trucks against bad weather. A reservation system is in place to facilitate the arrival of drivers. Security is also guaranteed by a video surveillance system, the site being fully fenced, guarded and bright. The parking area has many complete facilities to satisfy drivers: -30% on the menu in the restaurant for drivers who stay for at least 1 hour of parking, 1st hour is free parking, payment at the car park exit directly at the toll terminals, a station - HGV service accepting many international means of payment, vehicle repair and sockets for refrigerated trucks as well as showers and toilets (24/7), free high-speed wifi connection, self-service laundry room, rest room, broadcast of sports TV channels, free provision of bicycles and a fitness room.

Truck Etape
Béziers

Truck Arena 31

Truck Arena 31, is a secure car park located north of Toulouse, exit 10.1 of the A62 motorway, in the Eurocentre logistics area. Already certified at the Gold level of the EU-Parking Standard, Truck Arena 31 car park has been awarded the CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE 2023 through the ESPORG Excellence in Truck Parking Award, which rewards their efforts in terms of transport safety and quality of service offered to drivers.

Comfort and Convenience:

The truck parking area has many facilities guaranteeing optimal comfort: free showers and toilets, relaxation room with TV, free high-speed wifi, a laundry room with free access as well as a restaurant and snack area open 7 days a week from 6 a.m. to 10.30 p.m., and the free provision of bicycles. To facilitate payments, all electronic toll badges are accepted in the car park, which is equipped with an HGV service station, which accepts the various international credit cards. Everything is done to satisfy the drivers and provide them with safety and well-being.



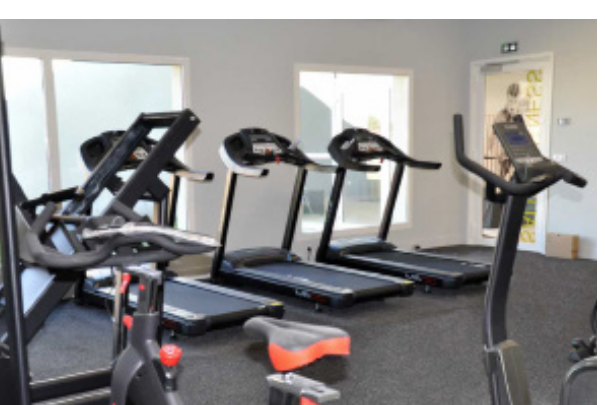
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Truck Arena 31

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TRUCK ARENA 31



LOGISTIC INVESTMENT KFT HOSTS SUCCESSFUL KICK-OFF EVENT FOR CEF PROJECT

On April 19, 2023, ESPORG Member Logistic Investment Kft. hosted their kick-off event for their CEF-funded project to build a certified safe and secure parking area in Hungary. General Manager Dirk Penasse attended the event and spoke about the benefits the project will bring to the logistics industry. Other invited guests speakers were Mr Simon Róbert Balázs (Mem-

ber of the Parliament), Mr. Árvay Tivadar (Chief Secretary of the Hungarian Road Transport Companies Association), Mr. Thoroczky Zsolt (Head of division Ministry of Transport) Mr Németh Zoltán (President of regional Municipality Győr-Moson-Sopron) and Mr Filep Géza (Chief Financial Officer Logistic Investment). You can read more about the event below:



PRESS RELEASE

The construction of a gold-level safe and secure truck parking area has begun at the 112 km exit of the M1 motorway in North-Western Hungary

As part of a joint investment under the Connecting Europe Facility of the European Union (CEF), Hungary's largest truck parking area with 260 spaces, complying with EU parking standards and equipped with advanced security features, will be built within 36 months. The project, carried out by Logistic Investment Kft. HUNGARY, will also include an upcoming fuel station, restaurant, guesthouse, vehicle servicing, and truck wash facilities, in addition to other important amenities that serve efficient and secure parking.

The planned cost of the protected truck parking facility is €9.35 million, with 50% co-financing from the European Union, to be completed not later than June 30, 2025.

The secure parking lot area will be accessible from both sides of the international M1 motorway,

a major east-west highway in Hungary that is part of the European Road Network (E60, E65, and E75) and the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T).

As a result of this development, logistics service providers are expected to move into the area. Along the TEN-T corridor, the complex will provide social and technical conditions necessary for the safe passage of transport operators and commuters, ultimately ensuring the safety and efficiency of the entire transport network.

Finally, the investment is expected to create 45 new jobs in the service area according to our preliminary plans.

Mosonmagyaróvár: April 20th, 2023.

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ESPOG MEMBER PARKAMION HAS JUST OPENED A NEW SAFE AND SECURE PARKING AREA IN TORINO!

Read more about Parkamion below:

The Parkamion Promise

Here's the most important thing Parkamion wants customers to know: they are more than just a truck and professional parking area. They help truck drivers to rest, find safe parking equipped with all the modern services and then resume the trip in total safety.

Location

The secure parking area, equipped with every comfort, can be found near Turin at the Settimo Torinese's exits on A4 Turin - Milan highway (250 m.) and A5 Turin - Aosta highway (500 m.).

Services

Currently, shower, wi-fi, toilets, laundry, and vending machines are available for use. In addition, both the restaurant and coffee shop are open and available for customers. Finally, charging stations will be available in the upcoming future.

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OPENING SOON: MONTMAURAUPT TRUCK PARKING

Montmarault Truck Parking by ESPORG member Certas Energy is set to open its doors in mid-May, providing truck drivers with a safe and secure parking option 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. The parking area, located in Montmarault, France, will offer 60 parking spaces for trucks of all sizes.

With the increase in cargo thefts and the need for secure parking options for trucks, Montmarault Truck Parking aims to provide a solution to this growing problem. The parking lot will be monitored around the clock by a state-of-the-art security system, ensuring the safety of all parked vehicles and their cargo.

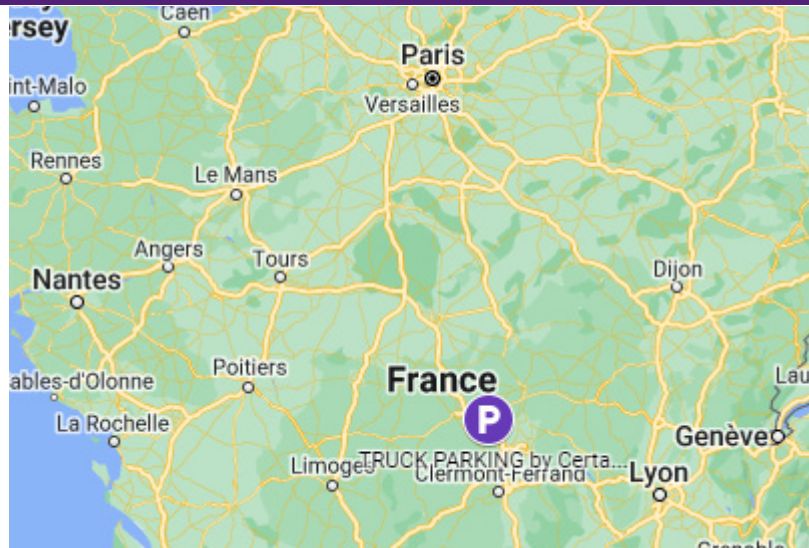
“We understand the importance of secure parking for truck drivers and their cargo, and that’s why we’re excited to open Montmarault Truck Parking,” said Arnaud Pamelaere, Project Manager of Truck Parking at Certas Energy. “Our goal is to provide a safe and secure parking option for all truck drivers passing through the area.”

Convenience and a Wide Array of Services

The secure parking area is conveniently located near major highways (A71, A79, RCEA) and has easy access for large trucks. In addition to the secure parking, the parking area will also offer amenities such as restrooms, showers (men and women), a lounge area, vending machines, WiFi, laundry services, picnic tables and refrigerated truck refill, providing drivers with a comfortable and convenient place to rest and refresh during their journeys.

Montmarault Truck Parking is committed to providing a high level of service to all its customers; the parking area will soon be certified according to the Gold level of the EU-Parking Standard, ensuring the mandatory service and security requirements and more.

“We look forward to welcoming truck drivers to Montmarault Truck Parking and providing them with the peace of mind that their vehicles and cargo are safe and secure,” Mr. Pamelaere added.



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TVM & ESPORG: COMMITTED TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR DRIVERS

At regular intervals, ESPORG Partner TVM Belgium informs its employees in specially organized meetings about the latest developments in the transport sector, the results of the company and its most important achievements and plans for the future. As a knowledge partner for the transport and logistics sector, TVM Belgium considers it important that its colleagues support customers as specialists in their field.

At the employee meeting at the end of March, Marc Van Grootel, consultant at TVM Solutions, explained the European truck parking problem

He underlined the importance of high-quality and well-secured lorry parks that ensure well-equipped and satisfied lorry drivers: one of the basic conditions for safe goods transport!

Lack of safe truck parking

Marc explains: “Every day drivers are ready to transport goods to their destination. When these drivers stop to rest, they look for a quality safe truck parking. At the moment, however, there are far too few truck parking areas in Europe, and in particular far too few secure parking areas with high-quality facilities in terms of hygiene, comfort and health. Because of this, and because European regulations regarding driving and rest times require them to stop and rest regularly, truck drivers are often forced to park in unsafe parking areas or unsuitable places. Truck parking in these places run the risk of the goods being stolen or the truck being damaged as a result of vandalism.”

Driver shortage in Europe

Marc also explained the European driver shortage. It is estimated in 2022 there was a shortage of 600,000 drivers in Europe (source: IRU report). In this respect, it is very unfortunate that, among other things, many female candidate drivers drop out or leave the profession due to a lack of sufficiently well-secured and high-quality car parks that meet their specific needs. This is a regrettable but often understandable choice of our “Lady Truckers”!

ESPOrg and the Excellence in Truck Parking Award

Fortunately, there are organizations that are committed to our truck drivers. ESPORG is such an organization. Marc explained to the TVM employees who ESPORG is and what ESPORG stands for. He also explained ESPORG's Excellence in Truck Parking Award, in which he sits on the jury as a representative of TVM. The purpose of this Award is to improve the safety, quality and care for professional truck drivers by using secure truck parking areas.

The EU-Parking Standard

As a former truck driver, transporter and jury member at ESPORG, Marc is pleased that Europe is currently freeing up resources to provide a solution to the parking problem. In close cooperation with ESPORG, the European Commission also launched the ‘EU-Parking Standard’ certification label for truck parking areas. The standard provides a ranking of truck parks in relation to security and required service requirements and also regulates periodic audits. The standard is divided into 4 categories: Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum. By introducing this standard, the European Commission, together with ESPORG, hopes to realize a rapid expansion of secure high-quality truck parking areas in Europe.

TVM Belgium and its commitment

Frank Van Nueten, general manager of TVM Belgium says: “As a transport insurer, TVM Belgium is closely involved in the issue of safe and well-equipped truck parks. By promoting prevention and risk management, we strive for sustainable cost savings and the reduction of the effective claims burden. That is why striving for safe and high-quality truck parking is also an important part of our philosophy.”

TVM Belgium has respect and appreciation for truck drivers, who make an enormous contribution to our economy: “We at TVM Belgium are very happy that Marc wanted to share this with his colleagues during the meeting. As an ESPORG partner, we are proud to be a part of this fantastic initiative and hope to improve the living and working conditions of truck drivers so that they receive the respect and recognition they deserve for their hard work.”



More info

More information about ESPORG and its operation can be found at www.esporg.eu.

Would you like to know more about the functioning of the Prevention and Risk Management service of TVM Belgium?

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ESPORG AT THE FOREFRONT OF SAFE TRUCK PARKING IN EUROPE

The following article was written by Yannick De Spiegeleir from the website flows.be. To read the original article in Dutch, please visit: https://www.flows.be/mensen/2023/04/dirk-penasse-esporg-op-de-bres-voor-veilige-truckparkings-in-europa/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Nieuwsbrief%20week%202023-15&gdpr=accept \

Dirk Penasse, with his European Secure Parking Organization (ESPORG), is committed to creating a network both intermodal and cross-border of secure truck parking areas in the European Union. "Making the transport industry safer and more reliable for drivers is our goal."

In 2007, Dirk Penasse was one of the founders of the secure Truckstop 26bis in Heusden-Zolder in Limburg. "At the time, the interest in secure truck parks was still rather low, but that attitude is completely different today. Trucks with expensive loads are often the target of thieves and organized European criminal gangs, many truck parkings are not safe and the possibility that the drivers can enjoy their rest in good conditions is almost non-existent, their social life is insufficiently respected and there are also many problems with transmigrants", says Penasse.

In 2010, together with his German colleague Ronny Pflug, who owned Autohof Wörnitz, he founded the European Secure Parking Organisation, ESPORG for short. ESPORG is the only trade association in Europe that represents truck parking. Over the years, ESPORG has developed as a knowledgeable partner when it comes to safe and secure truck parking.

ESPORG was part of a consortium with IRU, DEKRA, Panteia, CERTH that did the European Commission Study and ESPORG was the driving force of the study. This study resulted in the EU Parking Standard, the standard that describes what levels of security and safety Safe and Secure Truck Parking must meet. The EU Parking Standard has four levels of security: bronze, silver, gold and platinum. The Standard also has



a minimum level of services which each level must satisfy. ESPORG also organizes various workshops. Here ESPORG e-shares its expertise to its members across different domains: the EU Parking Standard, E truck parking, European subsidy CEF (Connected European Facilities), best practices with members and non-members. ESPORG has also set up an EU Parking Academy where members can follow various courses related to truck parking.

COMFORT

“With ESPORG, we bring different stakeholders together around the table: the operators of secure parking areas for trucks, transport companies, shippers, insurance companies, and logistics operators. The members of ESPORG are governments, concessionaires, ports, rail terminals, but also small companies or companies that have a network of filling stations,” said Penasse, who recently attended the opening of the new certified EU Parking Standard level BRONZE secure truck parking in the Ketenislaan in Port of Antwerp-Bruges.

Currently there is a shortage in Europe of 500,000 truck drivers, and the average age of a truck driver is 55. This shortage is only growing, it is expected that by 2030 there will be a shortage of 1,000,000 truck drivers. The profession of truck drivers needs to be upgraded if you want to keep the drivers on board. The truck drivers have the right to work in socially correct conditions and circumstances. Making the sector attractive also means ensuring sufficient comfort and optimum working conditions. “Secure truck parks that are certified according to the EU Parking Standard meet that demand.”

EUROPE

ESPORG works closely with the European Commission, which accredits the audit organisations which audit and certify safe and secure truck parks according to the EU Parking Standard. The trade association currently has about 70 members, has more than 100 truck parking areas and more than 10,000 secure parking spaces in Europe--which is far too few given that there is a need for 300,000 parking spaces in Europe. Belgium currently has 5 certified secure truck parks, but by the end of this year that number will almost double: “secured car parks will be added in Zeebrugge and Gentbrugge (Ghent).

ESPORG notes that there is a change of mindset regarding the demand and use of safe, secure, sustainable and connected truck parkings. The goal is far from being achieved, but we notice that a catch-up movement has started. ESPORG continues to work to keep safe parking high on the political agenda, across the European Union as well as at national and local levels,” said Penasse. ESPORG also has other challenges and goals such as sustainability and connectivity at truck parkings.





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NEW TRUCK PARKING INTRODUCED IN THE PORT OF ANTWERP-BRUGES

The Port of Antwerp-Bruges introduced a new truck parking located at Ketenislaan on the left bank of the Port on March 29th, 2023. The parking facility is free of charge, 280 parking bays will be provided and also fast chargers for electric trucks will be available in the near future. Therefore, this parking can be considered as an impetus for increased electrification and for a green corridor between the port facilities in Antwerp and Zeebrugge.

Next to the existing truck parking Goordijk (210 spaces) on the right bank of the Scheldt River, Port of Antwerp-Bruges is now opening the free parking facility Ketenis on the left bank of the Scheldt River with 280 parking bays available for trucks. Driver comfort and safety are major elements for the Port of Antwerp-Bruges to provide this space. Therefore, the truck parking is fully fenced, lit according to the highest standards and equipped with camera surveillance, Wi-Fi and sanitary facilities. Snacks and drinks are available from vending machines 24/7. In addition, the truck parking Port of An-

twerp-Bruges aims to avoid nuisance caused by parked trucks on roads and in villages adjacent to the port.

The Ketenis parking received the EU-Parking Standard Certificate for the bronze level on March 10th, 2023, as it is in full accordance with the European SSTPA standards and rules.

Future-proof investment

The new parking area is close to the current and future container terminals on the left bank of the Scheldt River. This opens up the possibility of using the parking facility in the future as a daytime parking waiting area for trucks that are too early for their appointments at the terminal.

The total investment is about €10 million, of which about €2 million is European support within the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) fund. A significant part of this investment was directed towards the sanitation and remedia-



tion of the site. Here, Port of Antwerp-Bruges has taken up its social responsibility towards future generations, has removed all pollutants and created a green environment. Also, all preparations for charging infrastructure were included during the build.

In addition, Port of Antwerp-Bruges is in the process of finalising the award procedure for both Ketenis and Goordijk parking facilities. The licensee will operate the parking, is responsible for all maintenance activities and is obliged to provide fast chargers (300kW) for electric trucks: at least ten at Ketenis and at least five at Goordijk need to be foreseen by the concessionaire.

Green corridor Antwerp-Zeebrugge

This month, preparatory works for a truck parking area also started at Zeebrugge's inner port. In the future, this parking facility will also be equipped with charging infrastructure for electric trucks. As such, a green corridor for road transport is created between the parking facilities at the two port areas.

Port of Antwerp-Bruges also aims to help solve the chicken and egg situation: electric trucks are often considered as being not a valid alternative as there are no chargers, and vice versa. The precondition for the faster introduction of electric trucks will be met as there will be fast chargers at the truck parks in both Antwerp and Zeebrugge.

QUOTE

“This new truck parking area is excellently located near the current and future container terminals on the left bank of the Scheldt River. Parking Ketenis will provide better comfort and greater safety for truck drivers. Moreover, thanks to its electric loading capacity, this parking area will become an essential link in electric truck transport between the port platforms of Antwerp and Zeebrugge. Our port is the economic engine of Flanders. The more sustainable that engine runs, the better!”

Annick De Ridder, Vice-Mayor of the City of Antwerp and President of the board of directors of Port of Antwerp-Bruges.



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Join our ESPOrg Community!

ESPOrg invites you to socialize and connect through their new Facebook group called "ESPOrg Community". Through this group, ESPOrg hopes to grow closer to its network through members sharing experiences, increasing visibility through promotion of their safe and secure parking areas and related services, and supporting and communicating with one another. Join us here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1387483795319893/>

Munich Fair

ESPOrg will be participating in the 2023 Transport Logistics Fair in Munich on May 9-12, 2023. Hope to see you there! Please come visit us or one of our attending members at our stand in Halle A4. Attending members:

- Hauptstein (XXLKW Parking)
- Malex Thor (Travel Centres of Europe)
- Recharge City
- Tank & Rast
- OnTurtle

- mowiz TRUCK
- A4 Trading (Truck Park Brescia)
- EU Funding Hub
- Trucks'nB

To learn more about the fair, please visit: <https://transportlogistic.de/de/>


Online Workshop: Info Session on CEF Funding for Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas

On May 25, 2023, from 10-11 AM CET, Frédéric Maas, resident CEF expert from the European Secure Parking Organisation (ESPOrg), will discuss the basics of CEF funding, including the upcoming September call. He will walk participants through the elements of a successful proposal and answer any specific questions.

You can register for the online workshop here:

<http://www.esporg.eu/register-workshop/>

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