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From the General Manager

Dear Members and Friends of ESPORG,

We want to reiterate how proud we are of the continued efforts and service you have provided to ensure the circulation and global health of the logistics' sector throughout the previous months and beyond. We cannot thank you enough for the hard work you deliver every day to support and develop the transport industry.

Several of our members have offered their services in order to promote the health and safety of their customers and all EU citizens: safety & care packages for drivers, more frequent and extended sanitation, additional options for products and food and so much more. This highlights the solidarity and essential work our members have contributed to the logistics' sector.

In its focus on mobility, the European Parliament will have a final vote in July regarding the EU's Mobility Package. Several of the Member States in which our members are active have already begun to adapt their transport measures and implement practices that will promote new social rules regarding the transport structure. ESPORG is dedicated to helping safe and secure parking areas comply with such measures and establish best practices regarding these new social rules.

In addition, many of you have or will receive information regarding changes in certification standards. ESPORG will be offering a webinar to explain all of these changes as well as the proper procedures for certification and re-certification. More in-depth training will be offered through the EU Parking Academy. We are dedicated to maintaining and improving the safe and secure parking areas of our members.

Finally, we want to congratulate our members on their continued improvement in technology and services for their customers; several secure parking areas have been implementing booking platforms, applications, acceptance of extended methods of payment etc. We applaud this enduring effort to offer accessibility and convenience to the logistics' sector.

Thank you for promoting safe and secure parking together with ESPORG!

Best wishes,

Dirk Penasse



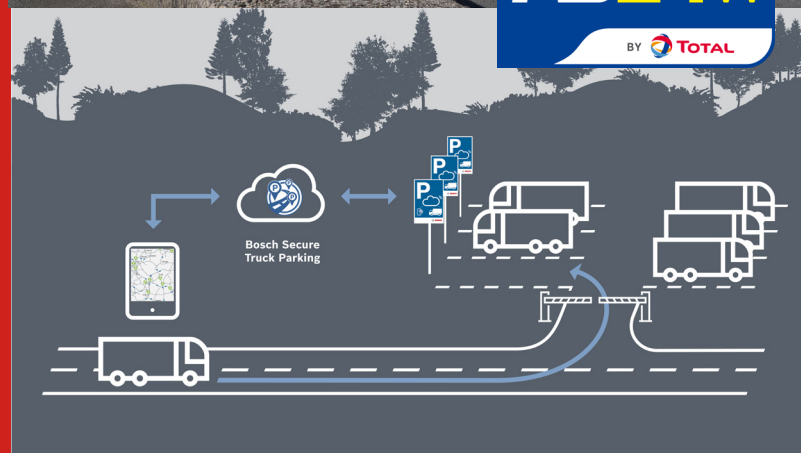
A EUROPEAN NETWORK DEDICATED TO HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES

Thanks to its desire to facilitate the daily activities of transporters, AS 24 has quickly established itself on European roads. AS 24 anticipates the future needs of carriers by continuously developing its offer to meet the most innovative technologies and to offer a wide range of services to its customers. In an effort to further extend their services, AS 24 has decided to team up with safe and secure truck parking areas to ensure that their fuel card can also be accepted for parking; the sites do not need to have a fuel facility in order for this card to be accepted for parking.

AS 24 is proud to announce its new partnership with C4T Europe in order to provide AS 24 customers with more and more quality services in the Calais area. Indeed, AS 24 wishes to develop the parking network available to drivers throughout Europe. For that, we count on you to join us in this approach by accepting our card within your structure

Thanks to the AS 24 and AS 24 Eurotrafic cards, you can enjoy the advantages of a large customer base to increase the number of visitors to your secure heavy goods vehicles parking area.

- Partnership with one of the leading fuel cards operating in the European road transport sector.
- Accepting our card means making your secure truck park accessible to more than 25,000 corporate customers, i.e. more than 600,000 drivers looking for secure parking spaces.
- Benefit from free technical assistance to facilitate card acceptance in your parking.



STAYING ACTIVE THROUGH THESE TOUGH TIMES



These times are challenging for everyone on the globe. The coronavirus pandemic is affecting almost every other industry and leaving people without jobs and revenue. Closing borders, cancelling flight routes, implementing quarantine rules for freight route drivers means a general change in the transport industry that left us wondering what the near future holds for us and our clients.

COVID-19 affects us all, regardless of our nationality or social status or any other aspect. So, we needed to dig deep and find solutions for the challenges presented by the current situation. The Romanian State issued a state of emergency on March 15th which implied that every restaurant had to close and that free traffic was forbidden. The borders closed with our neighbour country Hungary and traffic decreased over the next few weeks.

We prepared some active changes that meant supporting truck drivers, and respectively guaranteed the security of our parking customers. Although our restaurant was closed to the general public, we have been preparing daily menus with delicious hot meals that could be consumed in the secure parking area or via takeaway in special packaging.

Also, we extended our range of products in our Smart Autohof truck shop with different categories that were not previously available in our store, such as face masks and other materials needed for the current situation.



SMART Autohof



In spite of difficulties we decided to keep all our service areas (toilets, showers, laundry) open and ensured that every contact surface is properly disinfected every other hour. Our staff keeps an eye on the traffic in our parking lot disinfecting all the areas that are transited by our clients and ensures that everything is in order. The gas stations on site are implementing similar actions to ensure prevention against any spread of germs.

Since June 1st the social distancing measures have relaxed and the Romanian Government allowed us to open the restaurant's terrace so that we can once again welcome clients other than truck drivers, in transit. Several critical measures have been implemented in order to assure the health and safety of all our clients. At the moment there is a new layout with a minimum of 2 meters between tables, protection screens at cash desks; we are serving exclusively in single use packaging. The circulation flow in the restaurant has also been reconsidered so that there is one-way traffic with a minimum of 1.5 meters between the clients and separate access to the toilets from outside of the building.

We are very pleased that during all this period our secure parking area has always been open and available for our customers and we have ensured that the highest stan-

dards were met not only in securing goods and trucks but also regarding customer and staff health. Smart Authohof is committed to continuing to offer premium services in terms of security and safety and happy to see that our clients appreciate the results of our team efforts.

<https://smart-autohof.ro>



SMART AUTOHOF IS ADAPTING ONE DAY AT A TIME.

ESPORG LAUNCHES NEW WEBTOOL

ESPORG is proud to present its webtool: app.esporg.eu.

The goal of the site is to provide a comprehensive, easy-to-use way to locate truck parking areas and service stations quickly. Quite often it is difficult for drivers and their employers to find accurate information for parking areas and their services and even more difficult to find that information promptly. ESPORG wants to change that.

Currently, all ESPORG members are available on the website and each member can update his or her page to reflect current details and changes. However, ESPORG will be expanding this database as it receives and can verify more information from more parking areas and service stations around Europe.



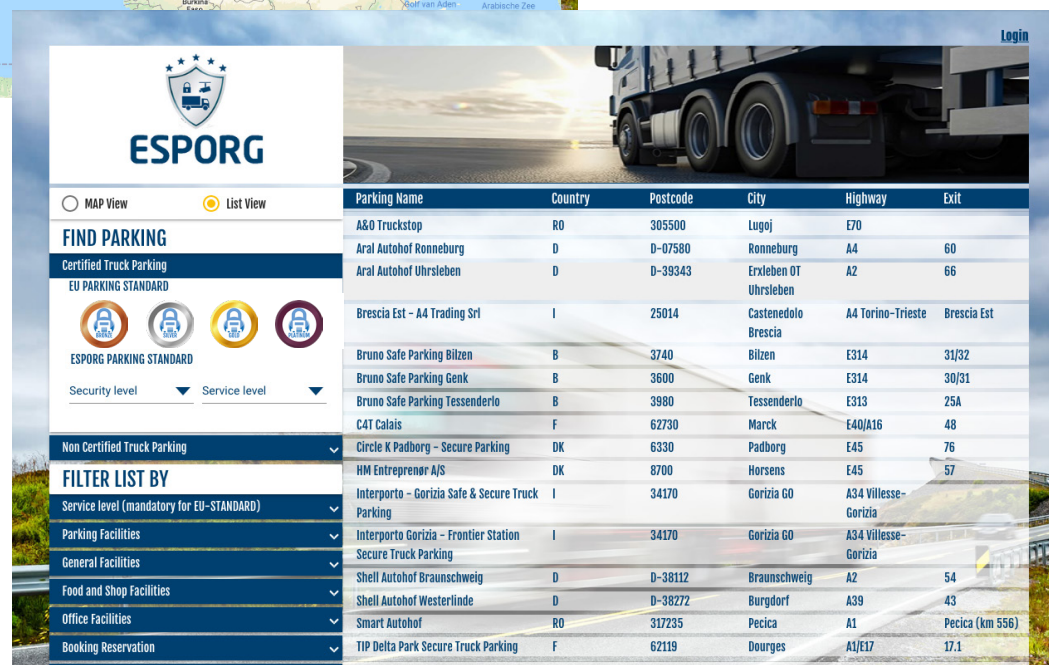
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An overview of the webtool

There are two options to view parking areas: map view and list view.







There is also an option to filter the choice of parking area by certified or non certified, and further by the new EU Parking Standard level (bronze, silver, gold or platinum) or through the old system by security and service level.

In addition, for non certified truck parking areas, dedicated truck parking areas are indicated with a green ESPORG stamp and truck service stations are also available on the site.

Certified Truck Parking

EU PARKING STANDARD

ESPOG PARKING STANDARD

Security level ▼ Service level ▼

Non Certified Truck Parking




DEDICATED TRUCK PARKING **TRUCK SERVICE STATION**




[HTTPS://APP.ESPOG.EU](https://app.esporg.eu)

Finally, there are several filters to choose the correct option for each driver. Each user can find a nearby truck parking area that fits his or her level of service, needs regarding parking, fuel, food & shop, general & eco-friendly facilities, or a parking area that uses or accepts the appropriate booking reservation system, gas station, fuel cards, credit cards, or toll passes.

The overall aim of the website is to increase visibility for ESPORG members and to provide convenience and accurate information for lorry companies and truck drivers. Searching for sleeping facilities for drivers? Need to pay using a specific fuel card? Need facilities for a refrigerated truck at a parking area nearby? Been on the road too long and need some leisure facilities to stretch those tired muscles? Find the nearest truck parking area or service station for those needs and more with just a few clicks.

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FIRST BOSCH SECURE TRUCK PARKING LOCATION IN FRANCE

Booking platform for truck parking lots cooperates with C4T in Calais

Bosch platform expands its presence in Europe. Trucking companies can reserve secure truck parking spaces in Calais. Suitable measures implemented to prevent the spread of Coronavirus: Contactless entry, take-away food, open shop and clean washroom facilities.

Frankfurt am Main, Germany, and Calais, France – Bosch Secure Truck Parking, the digital booking platform for truck parking spaces, now has its first location in France: forwarding companies can reserve secure parking spaces in Calais with immediate effect. To do this, Bosch Service Solutions (the company behind the platform) is cooperating with the C4T Calais service area. Calais is an important hub for the movement of goods in Europe. “The port of Calais and the Channel Tunnel form the conduits through which the majority of road freight transport between the UK and mainland Europe travels,” says Dr. Jan-Philipp Weers, Head of Bosch Secure Truck Parking. “Now that we have our first location in France, we are delighted to be able to provide secure parking spaces at such an important transport hub.”

Maximum security

As parking spaces for trucks are generally scarce, the security of truck drivers and other transport personnel and their freight is often not guaranteed. According to estimates, Europe alone has a shortage of 400,000 secure parking spaces. Stolen goods and accidents caused by incorrectly parked trucks are problems for the logistics industry. Bosch Secure Truck Parking offers a remedy to these problems, as Bosch's partners provide parking spaces in secure parking lots. This allows truck drivers to park their vehicles in compliance with the traffic rules and also protects against theft.

It is fenced, illuminated and monitored by cameras. In addition, security staff and dogs are present there 24 hours a day. It means that truck drivers can relax and enjoy their rest breaks without having to worry about their goods.

Simple, contactless process

Thanks to Bosch Secure Truck Parking, forwarding company dispatchers and truck drivers can now easily reserve parking spaces at C4T. The dispatcher can reserve a parking space for their driver when planning the route or the driver can handle it himself or herself using an app – this is often done shortly before they arrive at the parking lot. Both the reservation and the payment process are automated and contactless: a camera records the license plate at the entrance and, if a reservation has been made, the truck can enter the parking lot contactlessly. The truck driver does not need to worry about payment. Truck companies that have registered with Bosch Secure Truck Parking simply receive a collective invoice for their reservations at the end of each month. This reduces not only the workload but also any possible contact between individuals, which should be avoided, particularly at a time when Coronavirus is a risk.

Functioning infrastructure now particularly important

Additional needs are also catered for – even now during the Corona pandemic. As freight traffic continues to cross national borders, it is very important that rest stops maintain their operations to provide truck drivers with basic services. This is fully guaranteed at C4T. In addition to a fuels station, C4T Calais also has a restaurant, shop and clean, modern washroom facilities. The operator has increased hygiene measures, e.g. by a higher frequency of cleaning and disinfecting door handles, and implemented measures to ensure social distancing, in order to minimize the risk of infection for drivers and staff. During the Coronavirus pandemic, the fuel station and washroom facilities are open as normal; the shop is operating reduced opening hours. In the restaurant, truck drivers can buy meals to take away and eat in their vehicle. “As a consequence of the lockdown in France, there are mainly trucks on highways around Calais at the moment,” reports Stuart Madden, COO of C4T Group. “These are running as normal between the UK and the EU, providing people with essential goods, such as food and medicines. We are pleased to be making an important contribution, together with Bosch, to this flow of goods with our secure truck parking facility and to be able to continue to provide a quality service to essential workers - truck drivers - at this difficult time.”

As of now dispatcher and truck drivers can book secure truck parking spaces in Calais, France, via Bosch Secure Truck Parking.

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ESPORG NEWS

Mobility package takes the penultimate hurdle

Last week the Transport Committee of the European Parliament adopted the revised rules for the posting of drivers, drivers' rest times and cabotage as part of the Mobility Package.

Among other things this will trigger the following consequences:

- Hauliers will have to organise their timetables so that drivers in international freight transport are able to return home at regular intervals (every three or four weeks depending on the work schedule).
- The regular weekly rest cannot be taken in the truck cab. If this rest period is taken away from home, the company must pay for accommodation costs.

The final vote by the European Parliament will take place in the Plenary Session in the first half of July. The rules on posting will apply 18 months after the entry into force of the legislation. The rules on rest times, including the return of drivers, will apply 20 days after the publication of the legislation in the Official Journal.

Rules on return of trucks and other changes to market access rules will apply 18 months after the entry into force.

We will keep you updated about the final adoption of the legislation in July.

COVID SAFE AND SECURE PARKING CHECKLIST

COVID-19

ESPORG recommendations for parking areas regarding COVID-19

Follow the general guidance of the authorities (including in regard to wearing protective masks, etc.)



Keep the recommended distance.



Make disinfectant sprays or gels available at exit, entry of parking area and in restaurants and service areas.



Clean and disinfect all surfaces and 'touched' areas on parking area, sanitary facilities, turnstile etc. more often.



Clean and disinfect restaurant/café tables and chairs after each seating



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