



## EPA Newsletter 2009 - 1

Dear members,

Please find below latest news of the EPA and forward this newsletter to the members of your association.

### Administration of EPA

EPA's office staff in Cologne has been expanded to a new assistant to the Secretary General Gerry Trost-Heutmekers.



Elisabeth Herles is working for the EPA beginning from March 1, 2009 with a capacity of 20 hours/week. She will be coordinating the activities of the association and improve communication between the members and the secretariat. In all matters she will be responsible contact person for the EPA members. Her email address:

<mailto:epa@europeanparking.eu>

Besides her Gerry Trost-Heutmekers will act as the Secretary General. And also Ruth Wildenburg still is at your service.

### Public Relation - Parking Trend Magazin - EPA Communication

One of the major focal points of our future work will be the reorientation and optimisation of the EPA's communication activities. Perceivable changes should take place here.

In addition to improved networking of the media, our declared target is to improve Parking Trend considerably. We are relying on your assistance for this. We would also like to involve you more closely in finding topics for and designing the contents of the magazine

Moreover, we wish to observe the contents of the international media more closely. Might you possibly be able to provide us with current issues of your national association's and sector's media? You are also welcome to send us the respective publications electronically as E-mail attachments.

Please note the following postal address for sending media to EPA:

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EPA's office address.



We have assigned the coordination and improvement of our association's communication to Maenken Kommunikation GmbH, a service provider in Germany with whom we have already worked together well and successfully for many years. Maenken Kommunikation publishes the magazine "Parken aktuell" together with the Bundesverband Parken e.V. [German Federal Parking Association], the German specialist and association magazine for the car parking industry. A relaunch a good two years ago enabled us to achieve a considerably improved market position and quality of the magazine. We expect similar impetus for Parking Trend from collaboration at European level.

One of the big advantages of cooperating with Maenken for us is that we only have to control all communication measures via one central service provider.

## **EPA Award 2009**

We have received 25 entries for the EPA Award competition 2009. In detail, these are 10 entries in category "new car parks", 9 entries in category "renovated car parks" and 6 entries in category "innovative parking products". Unfortunately there is no application received in the category "on-street parking projects".

On the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2009 out of every category 3 competitors will be shortlisted. The jury's inspection trip is scheduled for June 2009. Shortlisted competitors will be informed in time.

## **EPA Congress 2009**

The preliminary program can be downloaded from the EPA congress website [www.epacongress.eu](http://www.epacongress.eu)

**!!Please observe the deadline for the reduced participation fee: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009!!**

## **EPA Task Group "EMV Standard"**

The first meeting took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in Malmö, Sweden. Our colleagues from SVEPARK and NORPARK had invited and were chairing the group. Sten Ake Hakansson (SVEPARK) and Egil Ostvik (NORPARK) were elected chairman of the task group. Jens Zier from Q-Park Germany is technical secretary. In total there were 34 participants from Sweden, Norway, Italy and Germany. A smaller task group was agreed to be more flexible.

The following actions were decided:

- A questionnaire will be prepared to collect data from all members of EPA
- European Payment Council will be contacted to have a discussion on the introduction of the EMV standard
- EPA must intervene to have a prolongation of the dates the standard should come into effect, especially the date to change the old equipment
- Discussion must include any exception for the parking industry concerning
  - Parking without PIN must be allowed, at least in secluded environments, in-out solutions
  - the limit for PIN amounts to € 100
  - PCI online solution within 2015
  - any problems concerning the security in unattended environments.

The members of EPA will receive the agreed questionnaire within these days. In case of any questions pls. contact the EPA office or Sten Ake Hakansson (kansli@svepark.se)



## EPA Congress 2011

The official invitation for tenders has been sent out recently. Members of the EPA and other bodies are asked if they apply to host the EPA congress in 2011.

Deadline for bids is the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

Tender documents can be obtained from the EPA office.

## EU Affairs and EU Projects

[LOGOS Public Affairs](#), EPA's partner in Brussels since January 2009 is monitoring EU affairs and EU projects. It already happened that EPA is represented in several EU/EC projects, which are related to traffic and parking.

LOGOS is publishing a monthly report on what is going on in Brussels and what is of interest for the EPA members. Further, LOGOS and EPA are working on projects which can be funded by the European Commission.

Following we publish an extract of the LOGOS monthly report January/February 2009



## EU Affairs and EU Projects – January/February 2009

### EU Affairs:

#### **1. Urban mobility: Parliament takes 'unusual' initiative**

**Background note:** *The objective of the Urban Mobility Action Plan has been the creation of a new strategic framework for **EU 2009-2014 actions**. In its **Green Paper on Urban Transport** the Commission had asked for comments and answers to 25 dedicated questions deriving from 5 policy fields being:*

- *Reduction of congestions*
- *Improvement of urban mobility*
- *Environmental issues in urban areas*
- *The role of technical solutions*
- *Accessibility of collective transport*
- *Safety and security issues*

While the European Commission continues to delay its Urban Mobility Action Plan (initially foreseen for the fall of 2008), the European Parliament's Transport Committee approved a draft report on the issue on 11 February, written by **Gilles Savary, a French Socialist MEP**. The report is scheduled to be approved during the Parliament's **plenary session of 22 April 2009**.

The report is critical of the Commission for not publishing its Action Plan and puts forward a number of measures including:

- a programme for the improvement of statistics related to urban mobility;
- the strengthening of the ITS R&D programme;
- a requirement for cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants to have urban transport plans,
- a transport forum regrouping interesting parties, including local authorities;
- an urban mobility observatory (though this should not be a new agency);



- the possibility of an urban programme which could finance urban transport plans and infrastructure development in the Union;
- a users' rights charter;
- the use of a significant part of the funds in the European Economic Recovery programme for urban transport projects that are at an advanced stage.

**The EP Report is available at:**

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=COMPARTL&mode=XML&language=EN&reference=PE416.379>

**The Commission site on Urban Mobility is available at:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/urban/urban\\_mobility/urban\\_mobility\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/urban/urban_mobility/urban_mobility_en.htm)

The Action Plan on Urban Mobility document and status are available at:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/file.jsp?id=5680852>

## **2. Road safety: cross-border enforcement of sanctions**

**Background note:** The objective of the “Cross-border enforcement of sanctions” proposal is to facilitate the enforcement of sanctions against drivers who commit an offence in another Member State than the one where their vehicle is registered. (Offences covered by the proposal are: **speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol, not using a seat belt, and failing to stop at a red light.**) Moreover it would involve setting up an **EU electronic data exchange network** in order to identify the holder of a vehicle so that the authorities in a Member State, where an offence has been committed, can send out a notification to the holder of the vehicle involved in the offence.

In the conclusions of its meeting in November 2008, the **Justice and Home Affairs Council of Ministers** indicated that it believes that the existing systems are sufficient to deal with the problem of foreign drivers escaping punishment for breaking road traffic laws, contrary to the **broad support that was given by the European Parliament (EP)**. In essence this means the **Council blocked the proposal**.

Contrary to this, the **Czech minister of transport, Mr. Petr Bendl**, affirmed his support for the initiative in the Transport Committee in the EP (**10/02/2009**) and explained that the cross-border enforcement of traffic offences poses problems on the issue of competency; **which Minister should take the lead** (Transport or Justice and Home Affairs)? The answer to this question should be found first in order to solve the conflict on the EU legal basis. The Czech Republic committed itself to solve this problem during the **informal Council meeting in April 2009**.

**More information on the Cross-border enforcement of sanctions**

[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road\\_safety/enforcement/enforcement\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road_safety/enforcement/enforcement_en.htm)

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/file.jsp?id=5616632>

**The EP’s proposal for directive can be found at:**

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&language=EN&reference=P6-TA-2008-0616>

**The Commission’s proposal for a “Directive facilitating cross-border enforcement in the field of road safety” is available at:**

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2008:0151:FIN:EN:PDF>

**A timeline is available at:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/prelex/detail\\_dossier\\_real.cfm?CL=en&DosId=196862](http://ec.europa.eu/prelex/detail_dossier_real.cfm?CL=en&DosId=196862)

## **3. Greening Transport – proposed Eurovignette III Directive**

**Background note:** The Eurovignette initiative envisages the **adoption of common rules on how EU states may charge heavy goods vehicles** for using the road network and aims to ensure the improved reflection of road usage impact on society and the environment by



**introducing a "user pays" and a "polluter pays" principle. The aim also is to shift freight away from roads onto other less-polluting modes of transport such as rail and waterways.**

On 11 February, the European Parliament's Transport committee voted on the 561 amendments and 10 compromise amendments introduced to the Directive amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures - Eurovignette III. The draft report was written by **Mr. Saïd El Khadroui (a Belgian Socialist MEP)**, and its final version is hoped to be adopted by the European Parliament on 10 March 2009.

Furthermore, MEPs adopted 22 amendments including 12 compromise amendments on **Mr. Georg Jarzembowski's (a German Centre-right MEP)** own-initiative report on the Commission's controversial Greening Transport Package.

**The documents concerning "Road transport: charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of infrastructure (amend. Directive 1999/62/EC)" are available at:**

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/FindByProcnum.do?lang=2&procnum=COD/2008/0147>

**The timelines are available at:**

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/file.jsp?id=5665992>

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/file.jsp?id=5682652>

**The Commission's Greening Transport Package is available at:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/strategies/2008\\_greening\\_transport\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/strategies/2008_greening_transport_en.htm)

## **EU Projects:**

### **1. The Commission's Directorate-General for Transport and Energy (DG TREN) published a call for proposals in the field of Urban Mobility**

In January 2009, DG TREN published a call for proposals which awards grants to actions in support of the development of sustainable mobility policy for urban agglomerations. These actions should promote the objectives of sustainable urban mobility, as set out in the **Green Paper 'Towards a new culture for urban mobility'**. The estimated total amount for this call is **€5.000.000** and the deadline is **31 March 2009**. The emphases of this call is put on incorporating experiences gained from other EU programmes such as STEER (see below), CIVITAS ([www.civitas-initiative.eu](http://www.civitas-initiative.eu)) and ELTIS ([www.eltis.org](http://www.eltis.org)).

**The call is available at:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/urban/grants/2009\\_03\\_31\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/urban/grants/2009_03_31_en.htm)

**For more information on the Green Paper and the 2008 Action Plan please see the sources of the first article "Urban mobility: Parliament takes 'unusual' initiative"**

**Opportunities for EPA:** The outline for an "EPA Parking Database" project will be sent to DG TREN for preliminary evaluation. In view of the tight deadline, this process should be considered as a first attempt and possible learning experience for a following call (usually every 6 months)

### **2. GALILEO and EGNOS call for proposals published**

The European Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Supervisory Authority (GSA) has issued a call for proposals under the Cooperation programme of the **Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)**.



**Background note:** The Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) is a funding programme of the EU Commission that bundles all research-related EU initiatives under a common roof, playing a crucial role in attaining higher growth, competitiveness and employment; along with a new Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP), Education and Training programmes, and Structural and Cohesion Funds for regional convergence and competitiveness.

Successful proposers are expected to provide support to the **European Global Navigation Satellite System (GALILEO)** and the **European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service (EGNOS)** and to develop products and services for the future application of those projects. The budget is set at **€30.000.000** and the deadline is **31 March 2009**.

**The call is available at:**

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.cooperationDetailsCallPage&call\\_id=191](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.cooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=191)

**The Commission proposal on the 7th Framework Programme and timeline are available at:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/prelex/detail\\_dossier\\_real.cfm?CL=en&DosId=192725](http://ec.europa.eu/prelex/detail_dossier_real.cfm?CL=en&DosId=192725)

**Other calls for proposal can be found at:**

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/>

**Opportunities for EPA:** Being contacted by technology providers GMV ([www.gmv.com](http://www.gmv.com)) and SICE ([www.sice.com](http://www.sice.com)), EPA has agreed to be the coordinator of a project proposal that will intend to **prove the added value of Galileo/EGNOS with regards to parking practices in urban traffic** (both on- and off-street). The project will be named **GALIPARK**, and all consortium partners are currently in the process to finalise the proposal by 31 March 2009.

### **3. COST call for proposals for cooperation in the field of research**

**COST (European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research)** launched a call in **November 2008** for proposals on actions contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal development in Europe. Proposals playing a precursor role for other European programmes and/or initiated by early-stage researchers are especially welcome. One of the nine broad domains in which COST is organised is **transport and urban development**.

COST does not itself fund research, but **supports networking activities such as meetings, conferences, short-term scientific exchanges and outreach activities**. It receives financial support for its coordinating activities under the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7). The deadline for submitting proposals is **27 March 2009**.

**The call is available at:**

[http://www.cost.esf.org/participate/open\\_call/](http://www.cost.esf.org/participate/open_call/)

**An overview of past and current projects is available at:**

[http://www.cost.esf.org/domains\\_actions/tud/Actions](http://www.cost.esf.org/domains_actions/tud/Actions)

**Opportunities for EPA:** At a December meeting at POLIS ([www.polis-online.org](http://www.polis-online.org)) where EPA was present, the Dutch KPVV (Kennissplatform Verkeer & Vervoer) mentioned they had earlier introduced a proposal under COST for a **project on “parking tariffs”**, which was rejected. EPA could contact KPVV and discuss how this proposal could be reintroduced with an expanded consortium.





## **ANNEX I:**

### **EU Lexicon**

- ***Green paper:***

A discussion document intended to stimulate debate and launch a process of consultation, at European level, on a particular topic. A green paper usually presents a range of ideas and is meant to invite interested individuals or organizations to contribute views and information. It may be followed by a white paper or an action plan, an official set of proposals that is used as a vehicle for their development into law.

- ***White paper:***

A document containing proposals for European Union action in a specific area. They sometimes follow a green paper released to launch a public consultation process but issues more stronger recommendations than those of the Green paper. The White paper is the last stage before the proposals it contains are send to the European Parliament

- ***Action plan:***

A paper setting goals objectives and targets and analyzing the different action lines needed or possible in order to achieve those goals. Included is an impact assessment indicator scheme to be able to adapt previous actions to the evaluation made to ensure an adjusted follow-up.

- ***Directive:***

A legislative act of the European Union which needs to be transposed into national law in order for it be become.

- ***Regulation:***

A legislative act of the European Union which becomes immediately enforceable as law in all member states simultaneously.

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