



Dear EPA members and friends,

summer holidays are over and I hope that all of you found some time to relax. Today you receive the latest EPA news on page 1-2 and our Brussels EU monitoring provided by LOGOS Public Affairs starting on page 3.

It is only another two weeks before the 14th European Parking Congress starts in Vienna. Preparations are going well and I am looking forward to seeing many of you there personally.

Until then best wishes,
Gerry Trost-Heutmekers



EPA Task Group EMV Standard-EPC Working Group

EPA is represented in the Card Stakeholders Group (CSG) a recently set up working group of the European Payments Council (EPC). Jens Zier (Q-Park) member of the EPA Task Group EMV Standard has a seat on behalf of EPA and represents the Parking Industry in one of the five working groups, the group "Retailer", among other merchants like IATA (Airlines), EUROPIA (Petrol), EUROCOMMERCE (Trading). All represents are obliged to gather opinions of the members, present the sector's position on submitted issues, providing the EPC with concrete input and building consensus and sector commitment in the adoption of the resulting Cards standards and their implementation.

EPA Elections in General Meeting on Sept. 25 in Vienna

The general meeting will take place on September 25, 14.00-16.00h. Every full member of the EPA will receive a letter with the information on the nominations.

EPA Congress 2009

Preparations are well on their way. About 250 participants have meanwhile registered for the congress. If you have not yet registered please have a look at the congress website where there is also a possibility for online registration. www.epacongress.eu



EPA Task Group ESPA-Review

Draft rules and regulations have been distributed for comments to the EPA members. The process is now at a stage where the task group is taking into account all members comments which were made until August 31, 2009. In Vienna the Task Group will report on the process of the review.

“EPA - father” Hans Farmont honored

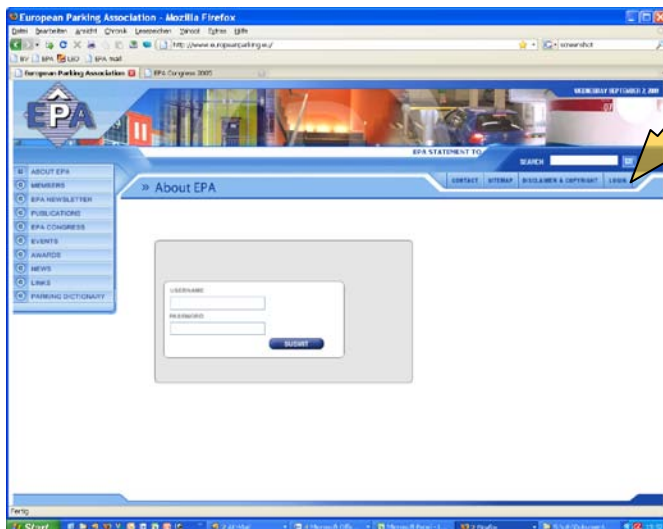
Founder of the EPA and EPA honorary member Hans Farmont has been honored in Düsseldorf for his entrepreneurial lifetime achievement by the Stadtparkasse Düsseldorf. Hans Farmont, one of the pioneers of the parking business, started off in the late 1940s with the surveillance of bicycles and built one of the first multi-storey car parks in Germany. As an architect he also developed and built car parks, his project at Düsseldorf airport won an EPA award in 1996.



Upcoming EPA Meetings

September 23, 2009	EPA board meeting, Vienna, Austria
September 23, 2009	Policy & Strategy Committee, Vienna, Austria
September 25, 2009	EPA General Meeting, Hotel Intercontinental, Vienna, Austria

EPA Website www.europeanparking.eu



Login to the membership section of the EPA website and find for example the latest editions of Parking Trend International online to look at or download.

Please forward the dates of all your associations' activities, events, seminars, conferences, trade fairs, meetings etc. to epa@europeanparking.eu so that we can include them in the events section of the website.



EPA Monthly Monitoring Report:

EU Affairs and EU Projects

EU Affairs and EU Projects – July/August 2009

EU Affairs:

✓ **European Committee for Standardization (CEN) – opportunities to explore for EPA**

On May 20th 2009, EPA – represented by LOGOS – participated in the “Open info days on European standardisation” organized by the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN).

The responsibility of producing CEN standards is shared among: [30 National Members](#) who vote for and implement European Standards (ENs); and [7 Associate Members](#) (which represent 7 specific sectors). Furthermore, CEN has close liaisons with European trade and professional organizations, other standardisation bodies (CENELEC, ETSI, ISO) and has [2 councillors](#) (EC & EFTA).

What is the liaison status?

European and international organizations can participate in the work of the different CEN Task Forces (TF) and Technical Committees (TC) by requesting a liaison with the specific TC or TF of their interest. Once they are granted the liaison status, they can participate in the work of the TF or TC as observers.

Associations granted liaison status have the right to send participants to specific CEN Technical Committees (CEN/TCs) of interest to them. These participants can participate fully, including through technical contributions, but without the voting rights given to national delegations of the NSB.

Liaison status gives legitimacy to the Association staff to attend meetings either in addition or on behalf of members without having to justify participation in and/or without belonging to a national delegation or standard institute. **Even without voting rights, it is still possible to effectively and positively influence the decision-making process in CEN and organize the flow of necessary information and technical input required by CEN or ISO TCs or WG's.**

CEN work is prepared in TC and their WGs operate in multiple [sectors](#). If the area of interest is absent from the existing [Technical Committees and workshops](#), a New Proposal may be identified. For that, 5 national CEN members should guarantee that they will contribute to the work. In some cases, a preliminary work and/or feasibility study would be needed to decide to establish a project (with the duration of the interest). It is in the competence of the National TC and CEN members to establish a Secretariat.



Opportunities for EPA to get involved with the work of CEN:

The two ways EPA can monitor its interest are: 1) Request the EPA national members to locally interact with the National Standardization Body (NSB) who will further connect to the CEN and 2) EPA interacts (free of charge) with the CEN at the European level through a liaison status

As the votes are distributed proportionally to the surface and number of inhabitants, it is advisable for the 'big members' to initiate any proposal related to parking. Ex: France, Germany, Italy, UK (29), Poland, Spain (27), Romania (14) The Netherlands (13)

European Committee for Standardisation (CEN)

<http://www.cen.eu/cenorm/homepage.htm>

✓ **The European Parliament's first sessions after the June elections: What will the Transport and Tourism Committee focus on?**

On **21 July 2009**, a LOGOS representative attended the Transport and Tourism Committee (TRAN), where **Matthias Ruete, DG TREN Director-General** shared the European Commission's insights on the future work of the TRAN committee. The **three "C's"** were highlighted as the key elements that drive the EU transport policy:

Competitiveness: Transport industry represents 7% of the EU GDP and 5% of European employment. Supporting the competitiveness of the sector are **the 3 "I's": Infrastructures, Innovation and Internal market;**

Climate change: transport is responsible for 25 % of all CO₂ emissions due to its increase by over one third since 1990 and still rising;

Citizens: citizens as workers in the transport sector and citizens as users of transport. This aspect is combined with **3 "S's":** the **S**ocial, **S**afety and **S**ecurity dimensions.

According to the European Commission, the **challenges that the future EU transport policy will face are as follows:** Ageing, Migration, Environment, Shortage of oil, Increased urbanisation (more congestion and more pollution), and Globalisation. These challenges should be addressed in the future policy, as outlined in the recent **EC Communication on the Future of Transport (as described in the previous EPA Newsletter)**. It expressed its conviction that the politicians and transport stakeholders can, with respect for the **subsidiarity principle**, define together the transport agenda for the coming years.



Opportunities for EPA:

Beside the extensive description of the files to be worked on, the Director General touched upon following files of concrete use to EPA:

- The **Action Plan on Urban Mobility** will be published later this September;
- TRAN committee will continue working on **passengers' rights legislation** for road and maritime transport;
- The **Intelligent Transport System (ITS) Action Plan** is getting increased support;
- TRAN will have to cooperate with the lead committees in the European Parliament on issues such as Galileo, budget for TEN-T, working time for persons performing mobile road transport activities.

The Q/A session revealed the following: On the **economic crisis**: the most important message the European Commission wants to disseminate was: let's not go back to protectionism;

It was highlighted that **more infrastructures should be funded, especially intelligent infrastructures**; Though the **Eurovignette** is likely to remain a controversial issue, the European Commission will continue working on the **internalisation of external costs**;

Hope was raised with regards to the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty which would help to make progress on the proposed **directive on cross-border infringements of traffic offences**;

Agreement on the necessity to push for **more innovation and research in transport**;

During the **TRAN Committee's session of 1 and 2 September**, the Swedish Minister for Communication Asa Torstensson, pointed out the Swedish presidency priorities stressing the need to green transport in Europe as well as having a unified transport system: *the EU's transport policy after 2010, effective logistics for freight transport, and new technology and intelligent transport systems (ITS)*.

The Swedish presidency has welcomed the new Communication of the Commission and hoped the European parliament will engage an active debate on the future of transport. The ministers will have a debate in October and should adopt conclusions in December. **On 12 October 2009, the EP and the Swedish presidency will organise a joint seminar on the question.** On ITS, the minister hoped her country would be able to make progress on the proposed directive.

Two events will be organised by the presidency:

- A ministerial dinner on **21 September** in Stockholm, during the **16th World Congress on Intelligent Transport System**. The overall theme of the Congress will be 'ITS in daily life'.
<http://www.itsworldcongress.com/>

- On **26–27 October** in Göteborg, a high-level meeting entitled '**Future Road Transport – Safe and Clean**'. The main purpose of this meeting is to show how new technology can further contribute to



safe and environmentally friendly road transport and speed up the introduction and use of both new and established technology.

http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings_news/2009/10/26/future_road_transport_safe_and_clean

On **Eurovignette**, the Minister indicated that most of the ministers supported the principle of the directive but there were some issues regarding the socio-economic and political impact of the revised directive. That is why **the European Commission was asked to carry out an impact assessment**.

✓ **European Commission intends restarting stalled Cross-border Enforcement Directive**

Background: *The European Union plans to restart the legislative process for its cross-border directive on enforcement of road safety, delayed by the disagreement between the Commission and Council last December. The directive was stalled because the Commission and Council could not agree on its legal basis. MEPs wanted a directive based on the EC Treaty, while Council members wanted a third pillar legal measure (which requires unanimity from all Members States) such as a framework decision. Distinctions between first and third pillar measures should disappear **after the Lisbon Treaty** is adopted, so **the Transport Council will no longer be able to object on this ground**.*

Antonio Tajani, the Commissioner for Transport, has said publicly that the European Commission is considering a modified proposal for the directive. He expects the Lisbon Treaty - if it is ratified by Irish voters in October - to put in place a new legal framework which the Commission could also take into account in drafting its next proposal.

In his reply to a **written question from Brigitte Fouré MEP** - put to both the Commission and the Council - Mr Tajani said that the proposal would take account of amendments agreed in the European Parliament and issues raised in the Transport Council debate during December 2008 (*as described in the EPA Newsletter 1-2009*).

MEP's amendments included many that were recommended by EPA and BPA as members of the SPARKS Network. Changes MEPs demanded include:

- A **review mechanism** so that **two years** after it came into force the directive would be reviewed by the Commission to look at the **possibility of extending its scope** to include any other road traffic infringements (*in this extension, parking offences could be included*);
- A **new mechanism for enforcing administrative offences** that fall outside the scope of framework decision on financial penalties (*parking infractions being generally considered as administrative offences*);
- Safeguards concerning the **processing of personal data** and the management of a Community owned electronic network which will be created by the directive;



- Obligations on a **vehicle owner to reveal the identity of the driver**, if the owner was not the driver at the time of the offence.

The text of the European Parliament's report which was adopted in a plenary vote in December 2008 can be found [here](#)

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

European Commission and Transport Council written answers to Brigitte Fouré's question on the cross-border directive can be read [here](#).

Source: SPARKS Network: www.sparksproject.org

✓ LOGOS' Tom Antonissen will address parking policy issues at 2 events in Brussels

Tom Antonissen, Manager of the Transport Association Practice at LOGOS Public Affairs has been invited to speak at a conference organised in the **European Committee of the Regions** on **7 and 8 September** and supported by EUROCITIES, entitled "**Green Streets**":

<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Agenda.aspx?e=3d6421a7-de88-45c2-83d9-dc476395f853>.

He will speak in the **closing panel debate on "The future of sustainable urban transport"**, moderated by Paul Bevan, Secretary General of **EUROCITIES** and furthermore crowded by Katja Schechtner from the **Austrian Institute of Technology** and Derek Osborn, Vice-President of the **European Economic and Social Committee's** (EESC) Sustainable Development Observatory.

According to Antonissen, **working with the European Parking Association during 2009** has opened his eyes as to how an integrated sustainable parking policy at EU level could contribute to the ongoing debate on curbing emissions from urban transport and combating congestion in urban areas. During his intervention, he plans to raise the **lack of an EU parking policy in recent Commission publications** such as the Green Paper on Urban Mobility, the Greening Transport Package, the ITS Action Plan and the Communication on the Future of Transport.

On **9 September**, LOGOS will also attend the **European Transport Forum** (www.europeantransportforum.eu) organised yearly by Volvo. An **interview with Tom Antonissen** is available on <http://www.europeantransportforum.eu/transport-efficiency/policy/43-transportdebate.html>, where he also raises parking issues and possibilities, linked to his personal experience.



EU Projects:

✓ **FP7 TRANSPORT INFORMATION DAYS, 28-29 September 2009**

The European Commission is organizing two informative days regarding the **Framework Programme 7 (FP7)** and the new Transport Calls for Proposals under the 'Co-operation' Programme.

The first day (28 September), will be dedicated to the **Sustainable Surface Transport** Call and will feature in the afternoon major presentations on the **Green Cars Initiative**.

The second day (29 September), morning only, will highlight the **Aeronautics and Air Transport** Call.

The information will be disseminated mainly on the legal and procedural conditions with Q/A session, followed by networking opportunities. Participants will be able to present their ideas on boards that will be managed by the National Contact Points (NCPs) through the European Transport NCP Alliance (ETNA) initiative and search for potential partners.

For more info, please see the "Networking, brokerage and side events" at the [Networking and brokerage activities during Transport Information Days 28-29 September 2009 Brussels | ETNA project](#). There are **no registration fees** for this conference. **Deadline** for the online registration is **15 September 2009**. The **Sustainable Surface Transport Draft Agenda** is available at http://ec.europa.eu/research/transport/events/infodays2009_en.html

LOGOS will attend the Info Day on 28 September, EPA members that require further information are kindly invited to contact the EPA Secretariat. Furthermore, all sessions will be broadcasted live on Internet on the Transport information day website and all presentations will be published on the site after the event.

✓ **New Case Studies:**

Madrid parking lots with electric charging systems (Spain)

Madrid Movilidad (Madrid Mobility) opened the city' first public parking lot with a system of electric charging. In June the parking of Duque de Pastran became a pioneer parking for offering 36 points of connections, where up to 57 electric vehicles can be charged. The innovation corresponds to the interest of the local government to promote the use of electric transport, which does not emit contaminating gases and does neither produce acoustic impacts. All parking lots in the city of Madrid will be equipped with a system of electric charging within the next years. An agreement between the city and the Ministry of Industry promotes the use of electric vehicles and includes, between other aspects, this measure. (www.madridmovilidad.es)



Parking regulation of the municipality of Cham (Switzerland)

To reduce the use of cars in both business zones and housing areas, the municipality of Cham has passed a new parking regulation containing two articles promoting mobility management measures. In order to keep negative impact in terms of traffic development under control the parking regulation was adapted.

The new parking regulation of the municipality of Cham includes an article in favour of Mobility Management. The regulation also refers to car-free and car-reduced housing areas and to the application of access contingent models.

<http://www.cham.ch/dl.php/de/20080218143340/871.1+Parkplatzreglement.pdf> (in German)

Establishment of a zone-model parking system in the central city areas, Pécs (Hungary)

The zone-model parking system aims at reducing the large number of cars visiting the city centre which results in congestions, significant air and noise pollution and damages to the UNESCO protected sites.

The city of Pécs will introduce a zone-model parking system in the central city areas leading to:

Reduced emissions through decreased traffic in the central areas (-20 to 80% depending on the exact location of the zone); Decrease in the average time of parking in the centre (-20 to 30%); Decreased use of private cars; Reduce the air and noise (-3%) pollution in the centre; Better living and working environment; Better conditions to preserve UNESCO Heritage sites.

http://www.eltis.org/study_sheet.phtml?study_id=2233&mainID=458

Freiburg Suburb: Car-Free Living

The New York Times reported on Vauban, a Freiburg suburb where street parking, driveways and home garages are generally forbidden. Vauban's streets are completely 'car-free' except the main thoroughfare, where the tram to downtown Freiburg runs, and a few streets on one edge of the community. Car ownership is allowed, but there are only two places to park: large garages at the edge of the development, where a car-owner buys a space, for \$40,000, along with a home. As a result, 70% of Vauban's families do not own cars, and 57% sold a car to move here.

Source: ELTIS Web portal on urban transport and mobility

<http://www.eltis.org>

✓ News from the Intelligent Energy Europe project brochures

The Intelligent Energy - Europe programme (IEE) is the EU's tool for funding action to improve move towards a more energy intelligent Europe.

The **latest five Intelligent Energy project reports** are now available for download. Find the most relevant projects for you!

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/library/project_brochures_en.htm



Particularly the brochure "Energy-efficient transport: Green mobility on the move" seems of interest to certain EPA-members.



European Mobility Week 2009: "Improving City Climates"

The European Mobility Week is an **annual campaign for sustainable urban mobility** encouraging the local authorities to promote sustainable transport measures offering their citizens alternatives to the car use. This year's edition of European Mobility Week - which runs **from 16 to 22 September** - focuses on "Improving City Climates". Local authorities organising activities within the framework of European Mobility Week are invited to sign the **EMW charter** and to register their activities on <http://www.mobilityweek.eu/-Participating->

Participating towns and cities are also encouraged to apply for the **European Mobility Week Award 2009**. The application procedure, eligibility criteria and application form can now be viewed at <http://www.mobilityweek.eu/Mobility-Award>. The award ceremony will be organised in Brussels in February 2010 in the presence of the European Commissioner for the Environment. The winning local authority will be awarded a free promotional video to highlight its achievements as a champion of sustainable urban transport in Europe.

Local authorities are invited to register at: www.mobilityweek.eu

- ✓ **Notice of call for proposals with a view to obtaining grants in the field of transport - Call for proposals DG TREN/SUB/01-2009**

With this new call (**deadline 15 September 2009**), The European Commission intends to award grants to promote the objectives of the common transport policy. The operations selected will be financed from the budget headings 'Support activities to the European transport policy and passenger rights' and 'Transport security'. Estimated total amount for this call for proposals for 2009 is **€4.750.000** (Road safety: €4.000.000; Internal Market: €600.000; Transport security €150.000).

Categories of operations: – Research and dissemination of best practices: these operations aim to compare the procedures in force and the equipment used, measure the performance of transport systems and identify the scope for improvement in order to disseminate the best practices within the European Union. – Coordination and harmonisation of standards



and procedures: this concerns increasing the opportunities for convergence between different existing standards and procedures in order to reinforce the harmonisation process at the European level.

For more information on the call please visit

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/grants/2009_09_15_en.htm

✓ **Pricing and parking space management – The COMPETENCE project**

Background: COMPETENCE – “Strengthening the knowledge of local management agencies in the transport field” is a 30-months project co-financed by the European Commission within STEER within the framework of the Intelligent Energy - Europe Programme EIE. The main activities in COMPETENCE are the design and implementation of international and national training and know how transfer activities, the design of training materials and the implementation of case studies as part of a training-on-the-job-program. The beneficiaries of the project are mainly local and regional energy agencies but also other organisations like environmental agencies, health bureaus etc. interested in enhancing their knowledge and skill base in the topic of urban transport. The COMPETENCE project consortium involves the active participation of 15 countries in Europe.

According to the project, **pricing, congestion charging and parking space management** (limited and paid parking in public space or e.g. in companies) are **suitable measures to influence travel behaviour** and to shift car trips to more sustainable modes of transport.

COMPETENCE

<http://www.transportlearning.net/index.phtml?id=312>

Parking management and pricing

http://www.transportlearning.net/docs/parking_en.pdf

Congestion and Road Pricing

<http://www.transportlearning.net/docs/pricing.pdf>

PARKGEBÜHR & PARKMANAGEMENT Zusammenfassung des Referenzmaterials

„Parking management and pricing. COMPETENCE / TREATISE / E-ATOMIUM

http://www.transportlearning.net/docs/Zusammenfassung_Parken_Parkmanagement_060826.pdf

STAUGEBÜHR & PRICING Zusammenfassung des Referenzmaterials

„Congestion charging and road pricing“ für COMPETENCE

http://www.transportlearning.net/docs/Zusammenfassung_Staugeb_hr_Pricing_060928.pdf

✓ **World News on Parking**

Background: The Sustainable Urban Transport Project (SUTP)-Asia (www.sutp.org) is a partnership between the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), CITYNET and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP),



which aims to help developing world cities achieve their sustainable transport goals, through the dissemination of information about international experience and targeted work with particular cities.

Parking tax edges closer

CONTROVERSIAL NEW proposals to implement a tax on parking spaces in urban areas are almost ready to be implemented – at least in **Dublin**.

The tax will consist of a flat fee of €200 per year on each worker provided with a free car parking space by their employer. Shift workers who may not have access to public transport because of their working hours will be exempt.

For further reading please access the link below:

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/motors/2009/0610/1224248519715.html>

Raising parking fee won't solve congestion crisis

The Metropolitan Minister Robinson Githae reckons that Nairobi – a city of 3.5 million residents and some 20,000 vehicles is too congested and must be rid of its heavy traffic to cut back on the heavy price of log jams estimated at Sh24 billion annually.

For further reading please access the link below:

<http://www.businessdailyafrica.com/Opinion%20&%20Analysis/-/539548/613636/-/u1pmpz/-/>

Congestion controls not the answer

Anti-congestion measures being considered by the Abu Dhabi Department of Transport such as road tolls and costlier fuel, parking and vehicle registration would only affect lower-income people and not change other motorists' behaviour, said some members of focus groups organised by the department.

For further reading please access the link below:

<http://www.thenational.ae/article/20090424/NATIONAL/704239809/-1/NEWS>