



EUROPEAN PARKING ASSOCIATION

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To all members of the European Parking Association
by E-Mail

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Re: Covid 19 – PARKING AND MOBILITY CRISIS

Dear Colleagues,

the current situation of extreme difficulty at the national and international levels is affecting all aspects of our daily lives. In the present situation we are unable to predict the size of the emergency situation both in terms of human lives and economic and financial difficulties; we do know however that it is a situation that will clearly mark a before and an after turning point.

Certainly, this situation is having a direct influence on mobility across our countries and a consequent radical reduction of our citizens' activities. The substantial change in the citizen's habits and behaviour reflects on our professional activities as "containment" strategies condition our businesses - we need to be able to understand what is happening around us.

We are receiving confirmations from members of a substantial reduction in activity and consequently of serious operational risks. All over Europe in our business sector different operative contracts are in use: (concessions, services, rentals, on-street, off-street, etc.) and the Board of EPA has had an emergency meeting to discuss what is happening in our different countries, as you can see in the attached brief overview. Three national associations, the Belgian, German and Italian have prepared letters to the institutions or press releases (that are attached for your information as well with translations in English).

I ask you to provide us answers to the following questions, so that we can monitor a situation at a national and European level:

1. What is the general situation in the majority of cities in your country (who is doing what)?
2. Have you had indications of the mitigation or suspension of tax or fiscal obligations?
3. What are the trends in the demand reduction and consequently a possible forecast in revenue loss?
5. What is the occupational situation of the employees?

This information from your replies will be particularly useful for establishing a general scenario enabling us to make requests and/or send information to the EU institutions for any possible support to our sector. The association will continue monitoring the situation and keep you informed, even organising webinars, so that we can act as far as possible in a coordinated way.



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The situation is completely unpredictable, this strong shock to our systems will require a strong response to resume the journey, and the proposals in the EPA Position Paper are waiting for us.

I wish you all, your dear ones and your colleagues the very best; take care and remember that we are a big, strong and dynamic community and we are used to overcoming difficulties.

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Attachments:

- Summary Board Discussion
- Letters from the Belgian and Italian Associations
- Press Release from the German Parking Association