



EUROPEAN PARKING ASSOCIATION
Positively promoting parking solutions for sustainable mobility

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Europe, here we come (again)!
European Parking Association aisbl constituted in Brussels on September 15, 2023

The European Parking Association (EPA) held its Annual General Meeting in Brussels on 14-15 September 2023. The culmination of the two-day event was the official signing, in front of a Belgian notary, of the constitutional act of the new Brussels-based EPA aisbl by 14 founding members.

The new EPA aisbl will focus on the following:

- Building relationships and cooperating with stakeholders and their representative organizations in the field of urban mobility in Europe and globally.
- Monitoring and engaging with initiatives at EU level related to parking management and sustainable urban mobility.
- Representing the national professional associations at European level on all matters concerning parking and sustainable mobility.
- Collecting and sharing amongst members and stakeholders data, technology and regulations of importance for the European parking sector.

Nearly 50 representatives from the 23 Full and 36 Associate members of EPA attended the special event, which marked a milestone in EPA's history. The program on the first day offered expert presentations on relevant topics such as EV charging and fire regulations, Cross-Border Enforcement and the new obligations to share parking data under the revised EU ITS Directive. The second day started with the Annual General Meeting of the existing "EPA e.V.". During the General Meeting, two resolutions of principle were passed to transfer the activities and assets of the Cologne, Germany based "EPA e.V." to the new Brussels based "EPA aisbl" as of 2024.

At the previous General Meeting in September 2022, EPA's members had given the EPA Board a mandate to transform the association into an effective advocacy and research organization focusing on issues of strategic importance for the European parking sector. The transformation of the EPA e.V. into the EPA aisbl, aims to enhance the perception and recognition of the association with the EU institutions, national governments, public authorities and other relevant stakeholders. The relocation of the EPA Secretariat from Cologne to Brussels is planned for Spring 2024 to bring it physically closer to the relevant EU institutions and bodies.

As soon as the new EPA aisbl is officially registered and operational, the activities of the EPA e.V. will be phased out. To ensure operational continuity, it was also decided at this year's General Meeting that the current Board will remain in place until the first regular cycle of elections of the EPA aisbl takes place in the fall of 2024.

After the results of this year's elections, the Board of Directors consists of the following members:

- Nigel Williams, EPA President, nominated by the BPA, UK
- Michael Kessler, Vice President, nominated by Bundesverband Parken, DE
- Stefan Sadleder, Vice President, nominated by WKO Austria, AT
- Philip de Brabanter, nominated by the Belgian Parking Association, BE
- Peter Dingemans, nominated by VEXPAN, NL
- Sébastien Fraisse, nominated by FNMS, FR
- Jaime López de Aguilar, nominated by ASESQA, ES
- Christian Tønnevd, nominated by NORPARK, NO
- Morten Hother Sørensen, representing the Associate Members, nominated by EasyPark
- James Toal, representing the Associate Members, nominated by SKIDATA

The Policy & Strategy Committee consists of the following members:

- Álvaro Busca Martin-Sanz, nominated by ASESQA, ES
- Thomas Veith, nominated by Bundesverband Parken, DE
- Manny Rasores De Toro, nominated by BPA, UK
- Thierry Brusseau, nominated by FNMS, FR

And finally, the independent auditors were (re-)elected:

- Roland Cracco, nominated by the Belgian Parking Federation, BE
- Michael Bachmann, nominated by Bundesverband Parken, DE

“Although it will be a few weeks before the EPA aisbl receives legal personality by Royal Decree, we will not stand around waiting”, said EPA President Nigel Williams. “We have our first Board meeting scheduled for the end of September. Over the next 12 months we will forge ahead with the activities that we commenced over the last 12 months. We will also put in place a new communications strategy and develop ESG guidelines and initiatives to assist our members. As soon as the EPA aisbl is fully functional, in early 2024, we will send out the new membership application forms and finalise membership fees to allow all existing EPA members to renew their commitment to our association.”



The participants of the EPA e.V. General Meeting and subsequent foundation meeting of the EPA aisbl after the signature of the Founding Act (Photo: Alexander Louvet)



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About:

The European Parking Association (EPA) was founded in 1983 as the umbrella organisation for national parking associations in geographical Europe. The 23 current national member associations represent the parking sector as a whole, consisting of public bodies and private companies that are operating and managing on- and off-street parking structures and services.

The associate members represent the supply industry that offers all related products and services concerned with parking. EPA aims to facilitate cooperation between the parking organisations of different European countries, as well as the exchange and mutual support of professional experience among members relating to parking management and sustainable urban mobility.

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