

Study on the availability of suitable rest facilities for professional drivers and of secured parking facilities, as well as on the development of safe and secure parking facilities in the EU

Presentation
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Scope of the Study

- What is the parking situation like for Drivers of commercial vehicles?
 - *Trucks*
 - *Light commercial vehicles*
 - *Coaches*
- Assess the **availability of rest facilities**
- Assess the **availability of safe secure parking areas**
- Focus on **driver wellbeing**

Structure of the Study

- **Geospatial analysis – see Annex I of the Study**
 - *Current geospatial data*
 - *Projections for 2040*
 - *Additional insights by European regions*

- **Stakeholder Consultation – see Annex II of the Study**
 - *Quantitative: Survey for drivers and transport companies*
 - *Qualitative: Transport associations, social partners*

- **Recommendations – see Final Report of the Study**
 - *EU-level recommendations*
 - *Transport sector recommendations*

Key results

The report highlights a critical shortage of public parking across Europe

While investments in new parking infrastructure have increased, the demand-supply gap is expected to persist until 2040

The conditions for commercial drivers are inadequate in terms of services, security and safety. This especially applies to female drivers

Truck and Light Commercial Vehicle Drivers highly rely on public parking and safe and secure parking areas



Heat map of parking demand for 2040

Truck parkings

- SSPAs
- Certified, secure sites
- Non-certified, secure sites

est. nr of vehicles 2040

- > 10 mln
- 8 - 10 mln
- 5 - 8 mln
- 2 - 5 mln
- 1 - 2 mln
- 0.5 - 1 mln
- < 0.5 mln
- 0

HGVs per night



Demand for parking – 2040 (based on EU forecast)

Current Gap: 390,057
spaces or 3,250 sites
missing to meet demand.

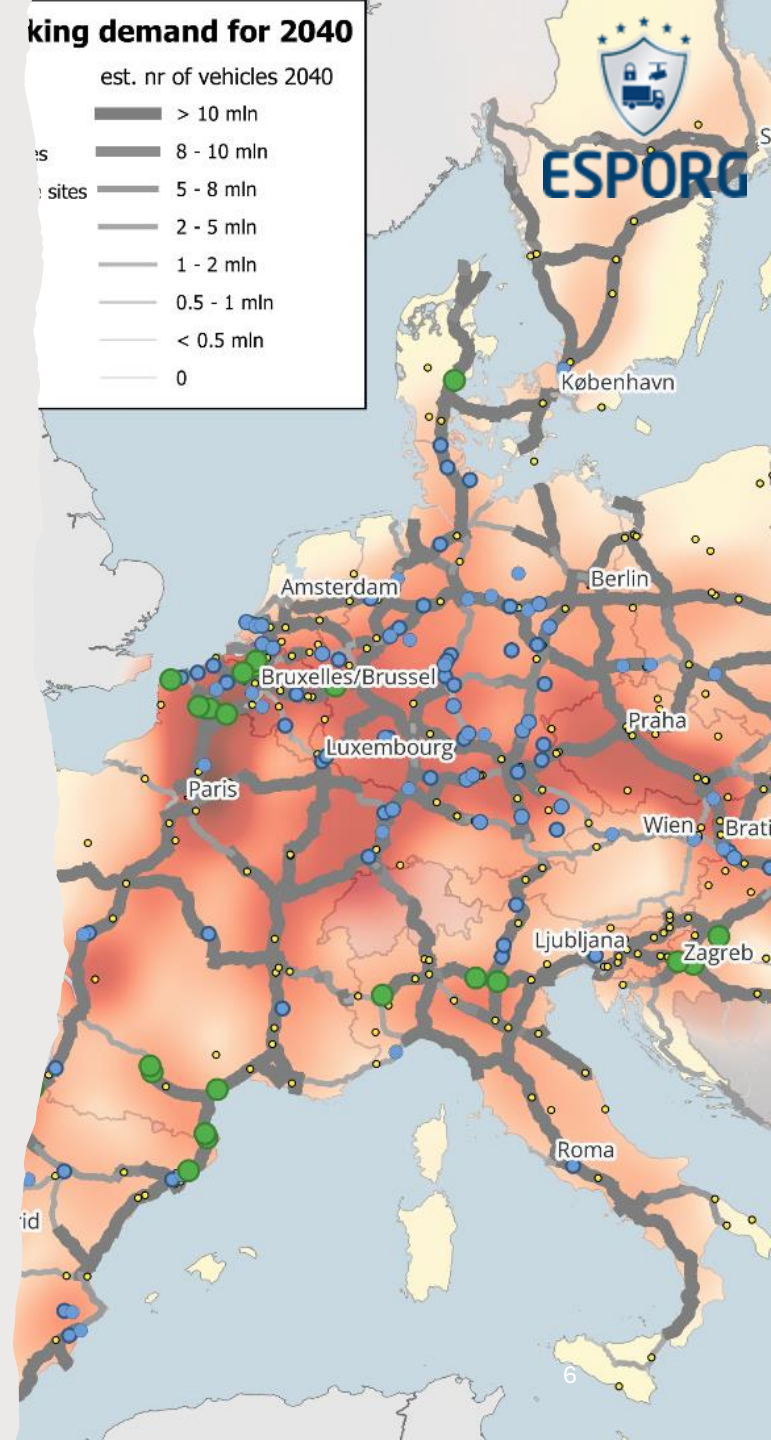
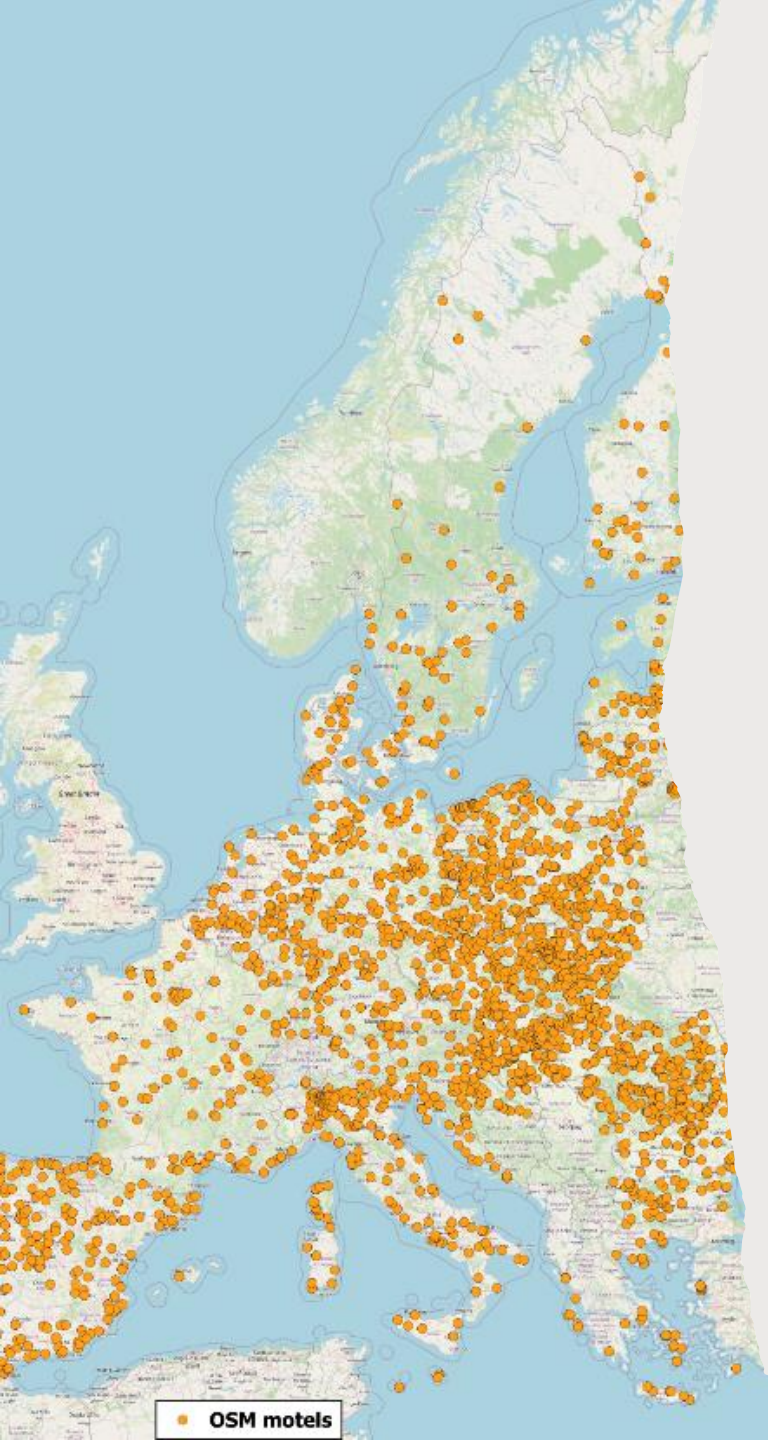
2040 Projection: Gap
expected to reach 483,000
spaces or 4,025 sites.

Regional Impact: Largest
deficits in France, Germany,
Benelux, Central Europe,
Spain, and Italy.

Crime Data Gaps: Better
data is essential for
informed security decisions.

Where Can Drivers Sleep? The Gap in Overnight Facilities

- **Overnight Rest Issues:** Few secure facilities near truck stops
- **Often no match:** existing options do not meet budgets or specific needs.
- **Possible solution:** allowing weekly cabin rest at high-quality SSPAs could improve conditions and attract investment.



Key
recommendations at
EU level

Soft Regulation	Legislative Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create an IT Trust Centre for parking data within TEN-Tec. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop an EU-wide reservation observatory. - Establish a Commission-Europol-Frontex working group for real-time crime data.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foster collaboration with stakeholders to raise awareness and define standards. - Promote driver wellbeing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider EU-wide motel infrastructure near parking areas and allow regular rests in the cabin at SSPAs.

Key transport
sector
recommendations

1. Addressing SSPA Shortage & Parking Availability	Include SSPAs in national transport strategies and masterplans.
2. Enhancing SSPA Connectivity	Improve data collection, sharing and access.
3. Improving Safety & Driver Experience	Enhance facilities & wellbeing measures.
4. Promoting Inclusion & Diversity	Adapt parking for diverse user needs.
5. Strengthening Driver Communication	Establish education & feedback programmes.
6. Streamlining SSPA Investment & Land Use	Simplify permitting & approval processes.

Full study



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