



Ms Adina Vălean  
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European Commission  
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**Re: Maintaining policy and business focus on certifying, upgrading, building and funding SSTPAs in Europe in the period 2025-2027**

Dear Commissioner Vălean,

Allow us to begin by thanking you personally, your team and your services for consistently promoting the certifying, building, and funding of safe and secure truck parking areas (SSTPAs) in the European Union. Thanks to this outstanding political commitment, it was possible to release substantial amounts of EU funds and start building the foundation of a genuine European network of safe, comfortable, and connected SSTPAs for professional drivers.

This is the reason why we were extremely pleased to hear, in your speech delivered at the Connecting Europe Days in Brussels on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, that SSTPAs were and remain among your and the European Commission's policy priorities.

We fully support this priority and strongly believe that a continuation of the European Commission's efforts to co-fund SSTPAs – with similar amounts allocated in the last three years – during the 2025-2027 period is extremely important to maintain and further strengthen investors' and parking areas' commitment and efforts to upgrade and build new and increasingly sustainable and connected SSTPAs only, in line with the European standards, so that at the end of the current funding period, the foundations of a genuine European network of SSTPAs can be solidly established and possibly even reach a next level of its development. We call on you to include this in your legacy letter to the next Commissioner and in your message to new MEPs. The ambition of EU funding should be to successfully contribute to the foundation of a European network of SSTPAs.

We therefore further call on you and your services to do your utmost to continue the European Commission's co-funding efforts for SSTPAs, also by developing a medium- and longer-term vision in partnerships with key industry stakeholders. This should be coupled with the adaptation of the eligibility rules to fit the specificity of SSTPAs funding, including also promotional and training programmes, in particular for smaller investors, parking areas and interested road transport companies, to allow them to benefit from EU funding.

Looking forward to a fruitful cooperation with you and your services.

Yours faithfully,

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