



EUROPEAN PARKING ASSOCIATION

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

Cologne, 4th November 2020

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to send you the joint press release recently issued by DATEX and APDS. For your convenience we also attach a translation of the press release to make it easier for you to issue it to your members. Following on from the confirmation in July 2020 of the development of an ISO technical specification (ISO TS 5206-1) based on the APDS technical standards, this latest announcement shows that APDS is now established as the basis for a global standard for parking data. The technical work on the new ISO and DATEX (CEN) standards will be complete by summer 2021.

We realize that in the middle of a global pandemic a global parking data standard is not your highest priority. Whilst standards will not help your members improve their bottom lines over the next few weeks and months, they are essential to the future of the parking sector. Standards will allow the interoperability of systems and services, making it easier for you and your members to capture and exchange data, both of which are necessary for survival and success in our increasingly digital world.

Strategic planning in our sector is moving ahead quickly. The first implementations of APDS are now coming forward reflecting the high level of enthusiasm for the APDS initiative from operators and service providers around the world. This enthusiasm is demonstrated by the development of APDS compliant services and systems by leading commercial entities such as Scheidt & Bachmann, Park Now and Conduent, as well as other innovations such as the development of a publicly owned National Parking Platform in the UK based on APDS.

EPA and APDS are co-developing a series of webinars and training sessions to help you and your members develop, specify, and implement APDS (and as such ISO/CEN) compliant systems and services. To begin we propose to hold a webinar where the APDS team will explain to you and your members the main points of APDS; outline how to use it and the benefits that using it will bring. There will be an opportunity for Questions and Answers.

Please let me know if such a webinar would be of interest to your members and whether we would need to have translation available (rather than just English) for it to be useful to your members.



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We thank you for your support to date and hope that we can count on your continued co-operation to promote the use of the APDS technical specifications and ensure that we can keep up the positive momentum.

Our very best wishes to you all,

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