



# European Association of Abnormal Road Transport and Mobile Cranes

## What is ESTA?

The European Association of abnormal road transport and mobile cranes [ESTA] is the unique European arm for trade Associations, representing mobile cranes-, access platform rental- and abnormal road transport companies.

## Targets and goals

ESTA's primary objectives are: European harmonisation of rules and regulations for crane companies and hauliers, to represent our job activity in Europe and to enhance safety standards in the industry.

For that purpose, ESTA:

- is the number one European representative of abnormal road transport and mobile crane rental companies
- strives, together with the manufacturers, towards a continuous improvement of equipment to create a safer working environment
- represents the mobile crane users in the NEN-EN 13000 norm committee
- works to harmonise equipment travel rules, general conditions of work and to harmonise permitting regulations throughout Europe
- maintains an inter-European network for national Associations, companies and manufacturers
- strives towards a continuous improvement of the image of the sector
- wants to enhance the quality provided to our clients and promote safer ways of working
- exchanges information between the ESTA members, allowing them to work together all over Europe
- represents the European Heavy Lift industry in the international ICSA organisation and the Abnormal Transport industry in the IRU.

## Successes

### European Best Practice guideline

In 2000 ESTA issued a Black book with a comprehensive list of different problems because of the lack of European harmonisation. In the Black book ESTA asked for European corridors for abnormal road transports. As a direct result the European Commission started with an EU Expert group who is responsible for a Best practice Guideline. This document will provide member states and permit authorities with guidelines for permit procedures and regulations.



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#### ESTA Awards

Each year ESTA organises the ESTA awards ceremony and dinner event during which the ESTA Awards of Excellence for the most outstanding lifting and transport projects are made public.

#### Harmonized European form

ESTA developed a harmonised European form and software for the technical admittance of trucks and trailers in permitting procedures. [SERT]

#### ESTA General Conditions

ESTA has developed standard "Terms and Conditions concerning Crane hire, Crane work and Transportation services" that comply with European legislation can be downloaded from our website and offer a comprehensive set of conditions for the execution of activities by our members throughout Europe.

#### SPMT Best Practice guide

Together with Industry subject matter experts ESTA has developed and published a "SPMT Best Practice Guide" that gives guidance on the use and maintenance of Self Propelled Modular Trailers, as well as on the engineering of SPMT work and training of personnel. It is presently available in six languages.

#### Best Practice Guide for Transport and Installation of WTG Systems

In close cooperation ESTA and VDMA have produced a Best Practice Guide addressing the transport and installation of Wind Turbine Generator systems on land.

#### ESTA communication

With the ESTA website, each member has the possibility to contact other ESTA members, in each European country, to work together under the same general conditions and standard of ESTA safety and quality. With the help of manufacturers and customers, ESTA wants to promote throughout Europe safer and better working conditions to minimize accidents.

#### Network

ESTA has contacts with permitting authorities in many EU countries and is a member of the International Road Transport Union and the International Crane Stakeholders Assembly.

### **ESTA Publications**

ESTA Black book 2000

ESTA Agenda 2004 - 2005, targets and goals

ESTA Standard Terms and conditions concerning Crane hire, Crane work and Transportation services

ESTA Best practice guide for Self-Propelled Modular Trailer operations.

ESTA Best Practice Guide for Transport and Installation of WTG Systems (in cooperation with VDMA)

### **Future Events**

ESTA's meeting cycle is organised around a Spring and an Autumn event, typically in April and October each year. The 2 day meeting schedule contains a Crane section and Transport section meeting on the first day, followed by a General Assembly next day.

The ESTA 'Awards of Excellence' ceremony is held in combination with the Spring meeting.

Please visit: <http://www.estaeurope.eu/meetings> for the latest news on all ESTA's Meetings



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### **ESTA Affiliated Company ship**

This Affiliated company ship is open to:

- Manufacturers of Transport Equipment
- Manufacturers of Mobile Cranes and Lifting Gear
- Manufacturers of truck mounted Access Platforms
- Companies active in Abnormal Transport or Heavy Lifting
- Principals that require Heavy Lifts or Transports on their premises
- Service companies to the Heavy lift and Abnormal Transport Industry
- Governmental bodies active in the Abnormal Road Transport and Cranage sector

### Benefits

- Contact with board members and staff of national associations representing more than 2000 specialized companies
- Participation in the ESTA Section Cranes and/or ESTA Section Transport
- Participation in the ESTA Working Groups
- Your members will have access to the ESTA Awards competition
- Access to members website
- ESTA Newsletter

Affiliated Companies: Employees <100 € 2.100,00

Affiliated Companies: Employees >100 € 4.200,00

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