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Turkey's YMB honours ESTA Section Transport President Iffet Türken

ESTA Transport Section President Iffet Türken has been honoured with an award by the board of directors of ESTA's Turkish member association YMB for her contribution to international cooperation and support for the heavy lift and load engineering industry.

At YMB's board meeting in Istanbul, she was presented with a plaque by Ahmed Altunkum, YMB Chairman and Chairman of the Board of Hareket Heavy Lifting and Project Transportation.



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ESTA members asked to consider airline-style sharing of safety data

ESTA's permanent Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Commission is to ask members whether they would be prepared to collect incident and safety data and share it with ESTA in the same way that accident data is used in the airline industry to improve safety.

The shared information – such as incident reports, statistics and experiences – would be collected by ESTA in its role as an independent European body and used anonymously to develop benchmark safety best practices and processes which will be circulated to participating organisations.

ESTA's HSE Commission is led by Section Transport President and Kässbohrer Executive Board Member Iffet Türken.

Türken said: "The Commission believes that ESTA can play an important role in this area as an independent organisation and we are keen to hear the opinions of members and operating companies.

"To that end we will be sending out a questionnaire to try and get a clear idea about our members' attitudes towards sharing safety information with ESTA for the benefit of the industry as a whole."

Alongside Iffet Türken, the ten-person Commission includes representatives from ASA France, BMS, Fagioli, Mammoet, Sarens, VVT and Wagenborg Nedlift plus ESTA Policy Officer Miguel Florez de la Colina.

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–Iffet Türken, President section Transport



ESTA Awards 2026 - watch this space

The ESTA Users' Night and Awards 2026 will take place on April 16 at the Grand Hotel Huis ter Duin in Noordwijk aan Zee in the Netherlands.

New look and simpler entry forms will be available online very soon and the 2026 awards will be the first to be overseen by Gerard Bastiaansen, the former Managing Director of Wagenborg Nedlift and Project Director with Mammoet. He takes over from the highly respected Wim Richie who steps down from a role he has fulfilled since 2008.

Gerard said: "Wim will be a very hard act to follow; he has been a pivotal figure in ESTA's development and was a major factor in building the ESTA Awards into the admired, independent and hugely popular event they are today."

More information will be available on the ESTA website soon.

ESTA's Klijn and Belli speak on managing risk at Piacenza event

ESTA's President Fabio Belli and Director Ton Klijn gave a presentation on reducing risks in heavy transport and lifting at a special meeting held during the 10th edition of GIS - the lifting, industrial, port handling and heavy transport exhibition - in Piacenza in Italy at the end of September.

Organised with the support of ESTA's Italian association member ANNA, Belli and Klijn focussed on two core subjects - an explanation and discussion of ESTA's recently published Lifting Operations Risk Management (LORM) best practice guide and the current work to develop a European Transport Operators Licence (ETOL) for Modular Hydraulically Suspended Trailers - such as SPMTs - which is taking shape.



ESTA joins freight research project in boost for heavy transport agenda

ESTA has been invited to join the advisory board of an influential European research project aimed at modernising road freight movements across Europe in another sign of the increasing awareness of the importance of heavy and abnormal transport to Europe's economy.

The project, called Intelligent Access (IA) for Freight, is being carried out for CEDR, the Conference of European Directors of Roads, whose members include the national road authorities from 25 European countries.

The CEDR is funded by the national road authorities but is highly respected and exercises great influence over European Commission policies. The IA project is designed to transform how heavy freight vehicles use Europe's road network by exploiting real time vehicle data.

Copenhagen target for first draft of mobile crane rope sheaves report

Experts working on the first draft of a new best practice guide on the safe use, inspection and maintenance of rope sheaves on mobile cranes hope to have it available for discussion during ESTA's autumn meetings in Copenhagen this October.

The project was set up by ESTA together with FEM, the European Association of Lifting Equipment Manufacturers, using the same three-strong expert team that produced ESTA's recently published document on winch gearboxes.

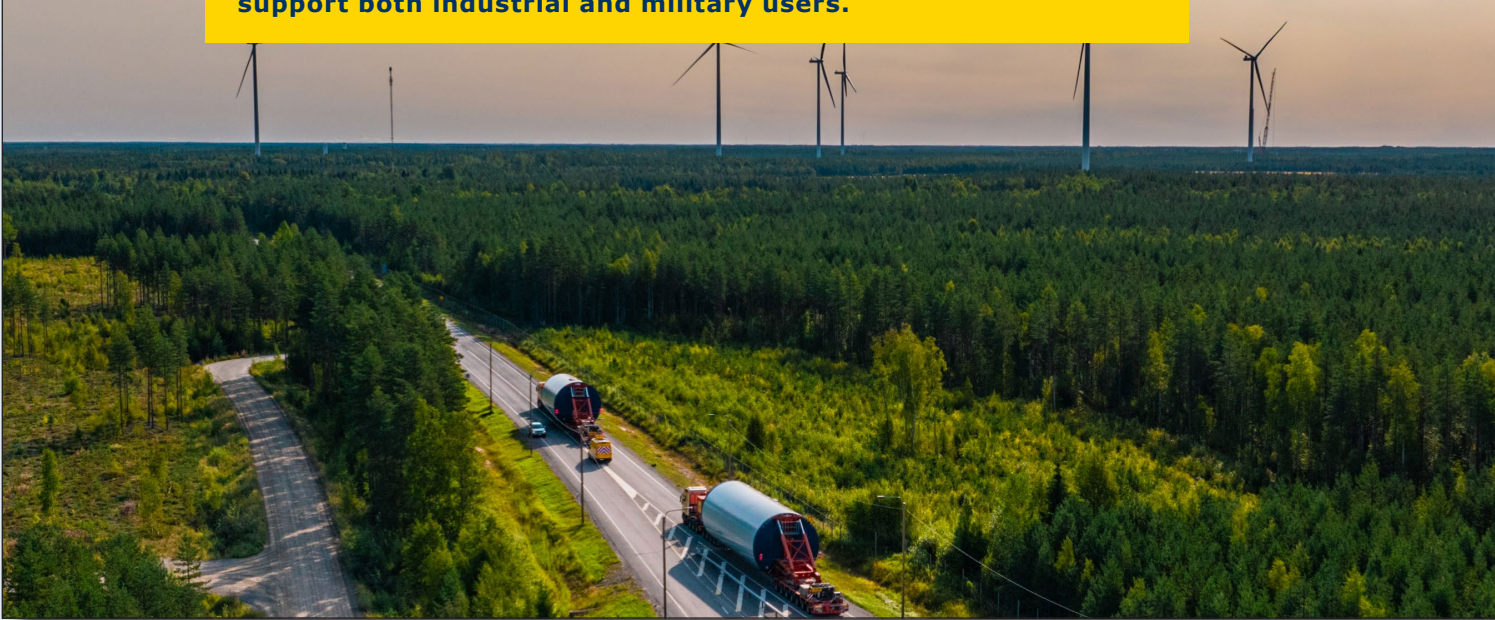
The expert team driving the project comprises Klaus Meissner from ESTA, Gerrit van Hove from Sarens and Hermen Kamp from Mammoet.

They are bringing together different stakeholders, including sheave and crane manufacturers along with end users. The goal is a consensus document supported by all parties. When complete the guide will be published by ESTA on its website.

The first draft will be discussed by representatives of ESTA and FEM at the next meeting of the joint European regulations Working Group in Copenhagen on October 23.

Germany's IST hears renewed call for European heavy transport support

ESTA Director Ton Klijn has made a renewed call for European governments to streamline and harmonize their heavy transport regulations - and boost infrastructure investment - to better support both industrial and military users.



He was speaking at the biennial Internationale Schwerlasttage in Hohenroda in Germany, a respected congress for the heavy lift and specialized transport industry that brings together users and manufacturers to discuss innovation, processes and successful projects.

Klijn outlined ESTA's key objectives, including the revisions of the European Directive on weights and dimensions, the need for heavy goods corridors for both industrial and military use, and the urgent requirement for safe and secure parking facilities for abnormal transport.

Specifically addressing his German audience, he called on the national and regional authorities to update and improve the VEMAGS permit system, harmonize the regulations for escorting transports and to introduce SERT, the Special European Registration for Trucks and Trailers, intended to reduce the paperwork and bureaucracy faced by the industry.

But Klijn has warned that the German authorities should ensure that their own improvements are aligned with the regulatory changes being planned in Brussels, if they are to avoid the need for further and unnecessary revisions in the near future.



ESTA GUIDELINE GD25001-HT
**Guida Alla Gestione Dei
Rischi Nelle Operazioni Di
Sollevamento**



Popular LORM guide now available in Italian

ESTA's well-received Lifting Operation Risk Management (LORM) best practice guide is now published in Italian as well as English. Other translations will follow.

The guide is freely available to everyone involved in lifting operations and can be found in the public library section of the ESTA website.

ESTA intends the new guide to help companies assess the risks involved in different types of work and give them advice on how to protect themselves using state-of-the-art work preparation and properly drafted terms and conditions.

It was produced by an ESTA working group comprising Blanca Claeysens, managing director of ASA France; Marcel Schets, former SHEQ manager at Mammoet; Joe Collins, heavy lift manager with Becht Engineering; Norbert van Schaik, senior lifting specialist with Siemens Gamesa; and Ton Klijjn, ESTA Director.

View the [ESTA Lifting Operation Risk Management Guide](#)

Website available in multiple languages

ESTA's website - estaeurope.eu - is now available in French, German, Italian and Spanish, as well as English.

The website also contains more detailed versions of all of these stories.



ESTA members numbers reach new record

ESTA extends a very warm welcome to six new members - one special member, four affiliates and one supporter - from six different countries, taking our total member numbers to 116 from 27 countries, their highest ever level.

G O'Brien Crane Hire, Ireland, Special Member

Gabriel O'Brien Crane Hire Ltd is one of Ireland's largest and longest established crane hire companies. Headquartered in County Meath outside Dublin, it offers machinery, full lift and shift solutions and personnel to a variety of industries throughout Ireland and the UK.



Musfeld Kran, Switzerland, Supporter

Musfeld Kran AG is a specialist for all types of transport operations in Switzerland and neighbouring countries with a lifting capacity of up to 55 tons, as well as for complex industrial relocation projects.

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Denzai Ukraine, Affiliated Company

Denzai Ukraine LLC, headquartered in Kyiv, is a subsidiary of Denzai, the Tokyo headquartered Japanese heavy lift and specialised transportation services provider.



BAE Systems Jacksonville Ship Repair, USA, Affiliated Company

BAE Systems Jacksonville Ship Repair is part of the BAE Systems group of companies. BAE Systems provides some of the world's most advanced, technology-led defence, aerospace and security solutions. It employs around 107,000 people in more than 40 countries.



Ingeniera de Transportes Javier Cortés, Chile, Affiliated Company

Ingeniera de Transportes Javier Cortés is a leading company in the field of specialized cargo transportation in Chile and are experts in handling oversize and overweight loads.



IntelliRoad, Germany, Affiliated Company

IntelliRoad develops smart software solutions for the logistics sector. Based in Thalmassing, south-east of Nuremberg, its IntelliDrive Schwerlast platform streamlines the organisation and planning of heavy transport, while the E-Beifahrer tool supports drivers.



For details of how to join ESTA and the different categories of membership available, go to the ESTA website at: www.estaeurope.eu.