

# Commitment

## Innovation that serves the environment



**In 2019, Interparking's commitment to a sustainable economy took on a new dimension. Indeed, the company has made a name for itself in this area, notably by introducing the only particle neutralization system in Europe.**

### LOWERING THE ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

To reduce its energy consumption, Interparking is notably expanding the installation of LED systems and using low-energy ventilation systems. The company also uses green energy and building automation, which avoids lighting car parks 24 hours a day. In October 2018, Interparking also became the first company in Belgium to take out a green loan, the cost of which drops according to environmental criteria.

### CARBON NEUTRAL CERTIFICATION

Since the start of 2016, Interparking has been financing improved stove projects in Benin via Wanrou ([www.wanrou.org](http://www.wanrou.org)). This way, the residual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions generated by the company's activities are offset by the carbon gains made in Africa. This approach is recognized by "carbon neutral" certification. Since 2015, all of the Group's activities have been certified carbon neutral, thanks to the offsetting projects carried out in partnership with the independent certification firm CO<sub>2</sub>Logic.

### GREEN MOBILITY

Interparking intends to support the transition toward cleaner vehicles by providing charging terminals for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles in our car parks.

In Belgium, Interparking is taking advantage of the potential of Big Data to encourage electric mobility: using charging data for public terminals, the company has been able to identify those areas where demand for charging terminals is highest. By the end of 2019, 965 charging terminals had been installed in our car parks.

In the Netherlands, Interparking rewards drivers of cleaner vehicles, thanks to license plate recognition technology, by giving them a discount on the basic parking rate (ECO Parking).

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**A BREATH OF FRESH AIR IN THE CITY**

In April 2019, Interparking took another step forward in the fight for better air quality, with the commissioning of a particle reduction system in the Beffroi car park in Namur, Belgium. This system neutralizes 50 to 70% of particles, 40% of fine particles and 20% of ultrafine particles suspended in the car park.

In July 2019, a framework agreement was signed with the supplier to fit out the Group's other car parks in those locations where the local authorities show an interest. Since then, the system has been rolled out in Brussels, Ghent, Antwerp, Cannes, Nice, Nîmes and Fontainebleau.

**PHILANTHROPY**

A successful company should also commit to a fairer and more equitable society. At Interparking, this commitment is reflected in a number of philanthropic and sponsorship initiatives in social, environmental, cultural and sporting areas.

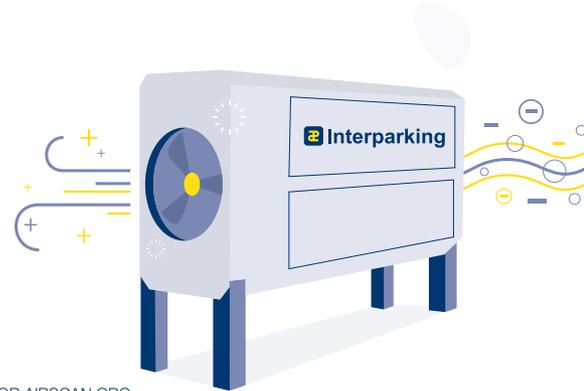
In Germany, Contipark has since 2012 been partnering with the NGO "Sports Against Violence", which organizes an annual six-day race to raise awareness among young Berliners about the issue of urban violence.

In Austria, Contipark supports Salzburg Tennis Club. The company also supports research programs into multiple sclerosis. In Brussels, Interparking supports research at Erasmus University Hospital.

We also support a number of cultural initiatives, such as the Queen Elisabeth Competition, La Monnaie opera house in Brussels, the Concertgebouw in Bruges, the Festival van Vlaanderen and the Klarafestival.



JÉRÔME DE WAELE, MANAGING DIRECTOR AIRSCAN.ORG



Installing this particle reduction system is part of Interparking's proactive approach toward environmental responsibility. Positive ionization significantly improves air quality in a car park. After treatment, the quality of the air inside the car park is not only better than the air in the car park before treatment, but also better than the air outside.

**CONTINUOUS TRAINING**

The parking school plays an essential role in developing talents at Interparking: internal mobility pathways are not uncommon. Further training (6,199 hours of lessons in 2019) has enabled job seekers to get a meaningful job and gradually take on new responsibilities. The staff training policy regularly enables high-quality teams to be trained, from specialized workers to supervisors to car park managers.



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CHARGING TERMINALS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

THE ENTIRE GROUP HAS BEEN CARBON NEUTRAL SINCE 2015