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### **TÜV AUSTRIA Certified Energy Management System Now In Use In Three Countries**

## **All SES Centers in Slovenia, Italy, and Austria Successfully Certified in Accordance with EN ISO 50001:2018**

As early as in 2019, SES Spar European Shopping Centers introduced an energy management system, in accordance with EN ISO 50001:2018, for its Austrian shopping centers, which has recently been successfully re-certified by TÜV AUSTRIA. SES has been able to simultaneously roll out the energy management system at all SES shopping centers in Slovenia and Italy, obtaining TÜV AUSTRIA certification for the centers in all three countries.

SES Spar European Shopping Centers has been working with an ISO 50001:2018 energy management system at all of its centers since 2019, and the system was successfully re-certified by TÜV AUSTRIA earlier this year. The real estate company, which is part of the SPAR Austria Group, has also implemented and certified the energy management system at all INTERSPAR stores and Maximarkt locations within the Group. The same system has been in use in both Slovenia and Italy since August 2022 and has been successfully certified by TÜV AUSTRIA.

As a developer, builder, and operator of retail properties, SES has consistently relied on solutions for the energy-efficient operation of its shopping centers for many years. In recent years, energy consumption has been reduced by up to 40 percent, depending on the center. SES has been committed to making a strong contribution to climate protection through sustainable real estate development for years – with clear climate targets.

### **Energy-saving Measures That Have Already Been Implemented**

Climate protection and the active reduction of energy consumption have been on the agenda at SES for many years. In the past, measures have included, for example, the successive, complete conversion to energy-saving LED technology for facade and interior lighting, the use of heat recovery and night ventilation for air conditioning, and a ventilation control system inside centers that is tailored to visitor footfall.

In light of the current energy situation, SES is looking at every additional opportunity to further conserve energy. Since August 2022, the external and advertising lighting of all SES shopping centers has been turned on no earlier than one



hour before the stores open and has been turned off one hour after the stores close. Illumination levels are lowered whenever there is sufficient outdoor light.

SES shopping centers in Austria and Italy operate on 100 percent green electricity, which is also utilized to power all of the e-charging stations installed at the shopping centers, among other things.

#### **SES Spar European Shopping Centers**

SES is active as a developer, builder, and operator of shopping centers in six Central European countries: Austria, Slovenia, Italy, Hungary, Croatia, and Czech Republic. The company currently manages 30 shopping locations in Central, Southern, and Eastern Europe, with a total leasable area (GLA) of more than 830,000 square meters. SES is the market leader in Austria and Slovenia for large-scale shopping centers. Overall, SES retail partners generated sales revenues in the amount of EUR 2.64 bn at SES shopping centers in 2021. SES also offers its know-how in the areas of project development, construction management, leasing of shop space, as well as center and facility management to external owners of shopping centers right from the outset. SES centers have already received several national and international awards for architecture and design, sustainability, traffic flow concepts, and innovative marketing. In 2021, the ALEJA shopping center in Ljubljana, which opened its doors in May 2020, won the internationally renowned Global RLI Award in the "International Shopping Centre - New Build" category. In 2022, SES was ranked 1st in terms of competence and performance in the operation of shopping centers by the tenants surveyed in the Shopping Center Performance Report Austria. SES is part of the SPAR Austria Group. Additional information can be found at: [www.ses-european.com](http://www.ses-european.com) and [presse.ses-european.com](http://presse.ses-european.com).

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*Caption:* (from left to right): Christoph Andexlinger, COO of SES Spar European Shopping Centers, and Andreas Schnitzer of TÜV AUSTRIA during the presentation of the certificate at EUROPARK Salzburg.

Image 2: EUROPARK Salzburg, Interior View © Eva trifft

*Caption:* In accordance with EN ISO 50001:2018, the energy management system of the Austrian SES centers has been successfully re-certified by TÜV AUSTRIA. Following its implementation in Slovenia and Italy, the system also received certification in those two countries.

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