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*'The Office for public garages and car parks Belgrade' was founded in 1972 by Belgrade City Council, and today's structure and the title Public Utility Company for public garages and car parks 'Parking Servis' Belgrade, was given in 1992.*

One of today's most successful city's enterprises was founded by the Belgrade City Council as **'The Office for public garages and car parks Belgrade'**, with a view to providing Belgrade citizens with parking spaces and enabling them to park their vehicles in a way which does not hinder regular flow of traffic and does not endanger traffic safety.

Its main objective was and stayed the maintenance and exploitation of public garages and car parks at the territory of Belgrade city. The Office employed around 60 people, and comprised **3 garages** – **"Obilićev venac"**, **"Zeleni venac"** and **"Aerodrom"** and few so called 'ragno' vehicles of the "Isolli", named the popular phrase "pauk" (spider) remained until nowadays.

Company was changing the official title over the course of time, but the main activity has always stayed the same, and today's form of **public utility company** was given in **1992**, by

the Decision of Belgrade City Council.

During 2003 year, with an expansion of Belgrade and increased number of vehicles, there was a need for **Zone parking system**. The city center is divided in red, yellow and green zone, while parking is limited to one, two or three hours, in a manner of achieving commodity and changeability between parked vehicles. Within an integrated system, users are given the opportunity to **pay the parking via SMS**, which was, at that time, at the beginning of the 21st century an innovation implemented only in a few cities. 2019 year brought even more innovations, when another time-limited zone was introduced, with 30 minutes time limit, as well as the extended parking times for the already existing zones, applicable under special conditions.

With the new system '**towing vehicle video surveillance**', which was implemented in 2011, the whole system of transporting the illegally parked vehicles was faster, more efficient and gave the opportunity to set the priorities.

In one of the busiest part of the city, the **Sensor Parking System** was implemented in 2016.

In 2018, The "Obilićev venac" garage has received the **Parksmart certificate** and has fulfilled all required criteria such as reducing operational costs, increasing energy efficiency, encouraging alternate modes of transportation, minimizing waste and energy-efficient lighting and ventilation systems. This Belgrade's ecological garage has solar panels with the solar power station, LED lights equipped with motion sensors, electric vehicle fueling stations, bicycle parking,

the waste sorted into 6 categories, placemaking zones for exhibitions and cultural purposes and free wi-fi. In year 2019 Garage received first prize from European Parking Association (EPA) for The Best Reconstructed parking building in Europe.

Business concept of the 'Parking servis' became recognizable and brought reputation to the company across the country. Experts within the company made the Preliminary Designs for the parking system regulation in Subotica, Arandelovac, Pančevo, Vrnjačka Banja, Zaječar and Kragujevac, while as well the Agreement on Cooperation with the city of Skoplje was signed.

Today, PUC 'Parking Servis' exploits and maintains around **39.000 parking spaces**, of which **30.000** are **within the zoned city area**, and **9.000** parking spaces are **in garages and car parks**.



