

Press release

Milence Showcases Europe's Largest Public Charging Network for Heavy Duty Trucks at IAA Transportation 2024 in Hannover

- Covering 10 key markets in Europe, the 70 hubs along the Ten-T corridors demonstrate that electric road transport is a reality today.
- The miniature Milence Hub on display at IAA Transportation also showcases the latest megawatt charging technology, which will be rolled out later this year.
- Visitors can discover the Milence Charge Hub from 17 to 22 September in Hall 12, Stand 37.

Amsterdam, September 16, 2024 – <u>Milence</u>, the joint venture between Daimler Truck, the TRATON GROUP and Volvo Group unveils its comprehensive European charging network, which includes **70 strategically located hubs with over 570 high-power charging points** at the IAA Transportation, the leading international platform for logistics, commercial vehicles, buses, and the transportation sector in general. The hubs are in various stages of development and scheduled to open throughout 2025, making it the largest public charging network for heavy-duty trucks in Europe to date, covering 10 key markets: Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, Spain, UK and Poland. 3 of these hubs are already operational in the Netherlands, France and Belgium, with more hubs opening in Sweden and Germany in October. The hub in Belgium at the Port of Antwerp – Bruges is one of Europe's largest public charging hubs with 20 bays in operation.

The highest number of hubs to be built in Germany

With more than 30% of Europe's road transport, Germany is by far the dominant market, making it one of the most important markets for Milence. The Hermsdorfer Kreuz hub will be the first to open in Germany and additional 24 hubs in the current Milence network will enable electric road transport in the country with the highest density of heavy-duty trucks in Europe. Vockerode, Himmelkron, Hüttenberg, Kirchberg an der Jagst, Kassel Lohfelden and Recklinghausen are the next to become operational.

The European electric routes

With the development of the Milence public charging network, some of Europe's busiest routes, like Antwerp – Duisburg, Gothenburg-Malmö, Paris-Le Havre and Berlin – Munich will be electrified.



These routes presented today will enable logistics companies to better plan their transition to electrification.

Under the motto, "**Recharging Trucks and Drivers for Sustainable Road Transport, the company revealed its Charging Hub concept** including its latest megawatt charging solution from Power Electronics. This cutting-edge technology, able to deliver up to 1.44MW (1,500A @960V) and which has been tested with real vehicle delivering 1MW+, will be rolled out in 5 of the Milence charging hubs in the coming months. The Megawatt Charging System (MCS) is the newly defined standard for high-power charging, designed to meet the needs of the growing electric truck market. The solution will dramatically reduce charging times, making electric trucks more practical and efficient for long-haul transport by allowing trucks to charge from 10% to 80% in around 30 minutes, thanks to the 1,440 kW power that can be achieved.

The company's innovative approach goes beyond just vehicles—it also focuses on enhancing driver well-being during rest periods by offering safe and accessible charging hubs.

"The future of road transport is electric, and we are proud to be leading the way with our fast growing charging network and show that it can be a reality today. Now is the time to act and we call on all stakeholders to make infrastructure a priority. By accelerating technological advancement and electrifying the major transport routes across Europe we make it easier for fleets to transition to zero-emission vehicles. Our mission is not only to power trucks but also to support drivers, enabling them to recharge in a safe environment while driving a more sustainable future for road transport." Anja van Niersen, CEO Milence

Visitors to the Milence stand in Hall 12 will also be able to take part in workshops organised with key partners with whom Milence is working to drive this transition forward.

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About Milence

Milence is dedicated to making the future of road transport fossil-free. To realize



this vision, Milence is building a reliable charging network for all battery-electric heavy-duty trucks and coaches, regardless of brand. By 2027, Milence aims to have at least 1,700 high-performance charging points across Europe.

With an initial focus on 15 markets and operational hubs in several key locations, Milence is rapidly expanding its network to ensure that heavy-duty electric vehicles can operate seamlessly across the continent, supporting the transition to a sustainable and efficient transport system.

Established in July 2022 as a joint venture between Daimler Truck, the TRATON GROUP, and the Volvo Group, Milence operates as an independent, stand-alone company with an initial funding of \in 500 million.