

GREEN FLEET FORUM - Minutes

Kick-Off Meeting – 10 February 2010



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Summary:

PostEurop Green Fleet Forum, aimed at addressing many challenges faced by European Public Postal Operators transportation seeking climate-neutral solutions was held on the 10 February 2010 in Brussels, Belgium. The event was organized by PostEurop, Association of European public postal operators and was actively attended by PostEurop members including Royal Mail, P&T Luxembourg, TNT, Itella, CTT – Correios de Portugal, Deutsche Post DHL, Groupe La Poste, Poste Italiane, La Poste- De Post (Belgium), Posten Norge and Magyar Posta as well as by the industry stakeholders.

Overview:

PostEurop Secretary General, Dr. Botond Szebeny, in his introductory speech welcomed the participants of the Green Fleet Forum. Mr. Szebeny presented PostEurop, its activities as well as the projects on environment stating that environmental issues have always been key area of PostEurop”.

Mr. Szebeny emphasised on the concept of Green Fleet Forum and also added that “Over the years, PostEurop and its members have been very committed to seeking a climate-neutral solution in all aspects of postal activities. The Green Fleet Forum is the beginning of a dialogue between European Public Operators and key stakeholders to specifically address the transportation aspect of our operations. We hope that this initiative will spark a great amount of common interest to further green our fleets”.

Short presentations were given by the participants on the current activities followed by group discussions/question.

Presenter	Organization / Association	Topic
Georg Schlaghecken	Deutsche Post DHL	Green Fleet at Deutsche Post DHL
Giovanni Battista	Poste Italiane	Activities and main Projects concerning Green issues
Robert McCann	Royal Mail Group	Fleet environment and technology project - Status and main projects
Remi Simon	La Poste	The electric vehicles policy in Mail Distribution
Koppány Matyási	Magyar Posta	Magyar Posta's environment friendly logistic developments
Paulo Luis	CTT-Correios de Portugal	Energy efficiency and alternative vehicles
Jean-Claude Schroeder	P & T Luxembourg	P & T Luxembourg Logistic department
Olav Luyckx	European Commission – Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE)	STEER Priorities for the year 2010

Matti Farkkila	European Commission DG research Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking	The Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH JU) Public-Private Support for Greener Energy Technology
Antoine Juan	ez-Wheel	Electric Wheel Solutions
Andrea Onado	Ducati Energia	The Free Duck four wheeler Vehicle
Perrine Tisserand	FuelCellEurope	Main projects, and future plans concerning the environmental issues.
Derek Osborn	Whatnext4u	FA-ST way to be greener
Jean Michel Durand	SAFT Batteries	Expectations towards the Green Fleet Forum: Point of View of a Battery Manufacturer
Jean-Marc Timmermans	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	Mobility and Automotive Technology Research Group
Richard Zahoransky	HEINZMANN GmbH & Co. KG	Point of View of a Manufacturer of Drive Systems
Eric Gernot	CETH	Main activities and Projects

Mr. Olav Luyckx, project officer of *STEER* from the European Commission delivered an informative presentation on *STEER* Priorities for the year 2010. The key area of priorities for 2010 includes Energy-efficient transport, Capacity building and learning. Mr. Luyckx also mentioned that the Call for Proposal for the year 2010 will start end of March and will close end of June.

Brainstorming Session:

After the presentations brainstorming session was carried out. The purpose of the brainstorming session was to involve all the participants into discussion, to highlight the expectations and to set the priorities of the group.

➤ **Expectations:**

Most of the participants agreed upon the idea of:

- Exchanging / sharing best practices and experiences
- Identifying funding opportunities
- Introduction of electric & hybrid drive system
- Foster concrete & joint initiative

➤ **Priorities:**

Priorities were divided into sub groups which includes;

- Standards / Approaches: To define common requirements for Postal alternative vehicles
- EU funding: Encouraging support for funding to help lower the cost burden

- Ideas: Get technical expertise on new (future) technical innovation
- Specific requests / Technology: (i) How to implement the right technology for Postal Sector with which infrastructure

The group had a discussion about the best and suitable way forward. The group decided to split in to four different categories:

Categories	Small Vehicles (Scooters / Two Wheels) upto 3.5 Tonne	Light Vehicles (Vans) 3.5 – 7.5 Tonne	Heavy Vehicles (Trucks) 7.5 – 12 Tonne	Innovation & Best practices (Umbrella group)
Interested PostEurop Members	La Poste – De Post - Die Post	Itella Oyj	La Poste – De Post - Die Post	La Poste
	La Poste	Deutsche Post DHL	Itella Oyj	Deutsche Post DHL
	Poste Italiane	-	Deutsche Post DHL	Poste Italiane
	P & T Luxembourg	-	Posten Norge AS	P & T Luxembourg
	Posten Norge AS	-	Royal Mail Group PLC	CTT - Correios de Portugal
	-	-	-	Royal Mail Group PLC

2 cases studies were presented. Poste Italiane presented the Green Post Project video displaying results and the lessons learned in postal delivery with electric and hybrid vehicle services. Deutsche Post DHL presented the bio fuel 2nd generation case study – problems and possible solutions with e-vehicles.

Next Steps:

- In regard to Green Fleet Forum the meetings will be organized 3 times per year
- Next 2 meetings have been scheduled for the month of June and November
- Deutsche Post DHL and Poste Italiane have volunteered to host the upcoming meetings.
 - ✓ In June, the meeting will take place in Italy
 - ✓ In November, the meeting will take place at DHL innovation center in Bonn, Germany.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:

Mr. Georg Schlaghecken from Deutsche Post DHL has been appointed as the Chairman of Green Fleet Forum. The Vice Chairman position was assigned to Poste Italiane.

- **Chairman:** Mr. Georg Schlaghecken (Deutsche Post DHL)
- **Vice-Chairman:** (Poste Italiane)

Conclusion:

The Green Fleet Forum kick-off meeting provided the participants an opportunity to share best practices and experiences, to focus on the priorities discussed, to be more active in future. The Green Fleet Forum kick-off meeting acted as an initiative to take further steps in order to meet the expectations and achieve desired goals.