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### Electrification and charging infrastructure at bpost

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### The 3 E's: ESG, Ecozones & Electrification

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# ESG Roadmap bpostgroup

Focusing on 5 areas where bpostgroup can have impact



Health & Safety of our people first



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Be a career lifter for our employees

Champion Diversity, Equity & Inclusion across the group



#### Decarbonize the e-commerce supply chain

- Reach net zero emissions by 2040
- Reduce 55% emissions by 2030 in own operations (SBTi 1.5C pathway)
- 100% zero emission last mile by 2030



Re-use and re-cycle packaging as part of a circular economy





### Ecozone to improve the air quality & liveability in cities

Pudo at walking distance by adding lots of parcel lockers and other manned pick-up points Local services for the local community through a City Hub, easy Pickup service and local sorting & distribution

## **Electrification plans**

Investments in fleet and infrastructure will go hand in hand



# Partnership mindset for a VUCA world

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# **Partnership mindset**

Developing a win-win agreement in a VUCA reality

supplier	bpost offers
Ability to supply the hardware	Early mover with commitment on green transport
End-to-end ownership (1 face to bpost)	Access to one of the biggest utilitarian fleets in Belgium
Capacity to manage works/projects in parallel	Partnership approach with impact
Willingness to provide National Coverage	High visibility in the public domain
Access to sufficient resources (and subcontractors)	Grow together as the market matures
Proactive monitoring: incidents are detected & resolved in due timing without bpost interaction	Offer services to general public

You make us move.

# **Partnership mindset**

bpost chose for an "integrator approach"

LEGEND bpost responsibility supplier responsibility new criteria since 2022







### Practical learnings from our first 1000+ CPs, analysing the market and an ongoing tender

#### **Suppliers**



- We have good traction & interest in the RFP because of our pro-active approach
- We organized a supplier day in a sorting center where we explained our way of working to 10+ candidates
- Suppliers rely on partnerships to deliver the required E2E solution (works, hardware, software, project mgt & continued service delivery)
- Previous tendency and market focus on charging with low criticality / B2C.

#### **Past experience**



#### **External network**



- Change of employee mindset towards new technology; expect & manage resistance
- Balancing the non core aspect of the charging infrastructure with the operational criticality of a fleet with daily use
- Securing upwards capacity in the grid is a pre-requisite for onsite investments

- Little experience and best practices available with clear results in terms of sustainability
- Flemish Government is attributing grants to charging infrastructure (Clean Power for Transport) and developed a Declaration of Intent (Do No Significant Harm, Circular Economy)



### **Paradox of speed**



- Ecozones are a competitive advantage
- First mover advantages in heating market
- Request "sustainability" in tenders
- Capture & claim reduced CO<sup>2</sup> emissions
- HV cabins as strategic advantage
- TCO consideration for small e-van
- Understand acceptable operational workload
- Electric cars suffer long delivery times



- "Cash is King" strategy: delay investments
- Second mover advantages
- Belief that grid capacity will not suffice, and other technologies will emerge
- Charging infrastructure immature market: wait for new players & technology
- Improved battery technology might allow longer range and lower CP/car required



### Navigating a public tender leaves little room for error





### Some aspects of sustainability are driving the contract allocation

#### Need to learn more:

- How to best maintain charging infrastructure?
- When is charging infrastructure end-of-life or end-of-use?
- How do we dispose of the product?
- Will the supplier take back? Will it have a residual value?
- Is there potential for a second life for the infrastructure and/or its parts?
- Can the product be taken apart easily to facilitate re-use of the parts?





#### **Environment (4 pts)**

- Sustainability in design and production
- Extending the lifespan
- Recycling and reuse
- Sustainable sourcing

#### Social (1 pt)

• Employment of people with a distance to the labour market

#### Qualitative scoring



### Conclusion







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