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Zero Emissions flexible vehicle platforms with modular powertrains serving the long-haul Freight Eco System



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ZEFES is a 3,5-year project, funded by the European Union, aiming to deploy 9 different long-haul truck configurations in various use cases covering important TEN-T corridors in Europe. The project addresses the decarbonisation of long-distance freight transport by demonstrating real-world applications with battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs) across Europe.



- Efficient long-haul Heavy-Duty Vehicle powertrains for truck trailer combinations, capable of 750 km range operating at a minimum of 40 tons GCW.
- Demonstrations over a period of at least 6 months in real world conditions across Europe, covering up to 1300 km daily operation in line with driving and resting time regulations.
- Flexible & managerial tools supporting the seamless integration of zero tailpipe emissions vehicles into fleets and facilitating the assignment of tasks and routes.
- Significant price reduction steps towards
 TCO equality with 2020 ICE-based solutions.
 New business models for logistics, speeding up
 the deployment of BEVs and FCEVs.



In 2025, nine different vehicle concepts (6 BEVs and 3 FCEVs) will run over 1 million kilometres across EU corridors in real daily operations (use cases), guided and validated by a digital platform (developed within the project) bringing zero-emission vehicles adoption in the freight transport ecosystem a big step further.



The project will execute real-world demonstrations of long-haul BEVs and FCEVs across Europe (see map below) to demonstrate the vehicles' affordability and reliability, their efficiency, and their longer range per single charge and reduced charging times.

