

**Press release**  
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# UTA SmartConnect® telematics solution increases transparency and cost efficiency

- **New telematics service can be conveniently accessed via the UTA One® toll settlement device**
- **Detailed fleet overview optimizes the control of complex supply chains**

**Kleinostheim, Germany** – UTA, a leading provider of fuel and service cards in Europe and an Edenred company, is expanding its portfolio of digital services with UTA SmartConnect®, a telematics solution that significantly simplifies fleet management. The new capability is integrated into the UTA One® toll box, providing users with quick, streamlined access to both telematics and toll services.

**Carsten Bettermann, CEO of UTA, says:** "UTA SmartConnect takes fleet management to a new level. Enhanced by the new telematics function, our proven UTA One® toll box is now even more powerful. Combining smart telematics and Europe-wide toll services into a single device makes mobility even more convenient and cost effective for our customers."

Using UTA SmartConnect, freight forwarders and transportation companies can remain connected to their fleet at all times, regardless of their location in Europe. Using GPS tracking, the position and route of every vehicle can be seen in real-time, enabling fleet managers to better predict when shipments will reach customers and better track the movement of goods within complex supply chains. The result? Increased production reliability and customer satisfaction.

Detailed, vehicle-specific reports are available at the touch of a button that show the route travelled, fuel consumption, and other information. The efficient refuelling of the vehicles can be controlled with automatic notices. In addition, UTA SmartConnect shows the nearest service stations where drivers can refuel at UTA conditions. To do this, they must simply load the UTA acceptance points into the navigation device or the UTA SmartConnect software. Planning and administration effort is thus reduced, saving drivers and fleet managers valuable time. In addition, the telematics system alerts drivers to potential traffic disruptions so that alternative routes can be considered, with the consignee informed of any deviations.

UTA SmartConnect® is activated via the interoperable toll solution UTA One®. Existing UTA customers can initiate the service through the UTA Customer Service Center or via the UTA website. New customers must have a UTA One® toll box in order to use the service.



Photo (© UTA): The new telematics service UTA SmartConnect® simplifies fleet management

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**UNION TANK Eckstein GmbH & Co. KG (UTA)** is a leading provider of fuel and service cards in Europe. Commercial customers can use the UTA card system to refuel – independent of brand and without cash – at more than 68,000 acceptance points in 40 European countries. The UTA card can also be used for toll invoicing, repair work, and breakdown and towing services. Furthermore, VAT and fuel tax refunds can be claimed through a UTA service provider partner. UTA was voted "Best fuel card service provider for SMEs 2021" in a survey conducted by German Wirtschaftswoche magazine and the Cologne-based market research institute ServiceValue. UTA was founded in 1963 by Heinrich Eckstein and is today part of Edenred SE.

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**Edenred** is a leading digital platform for services and payments and the everyday companion for people at work, connecting over 50 million users and 2 million partner merchants in 46 countries via more than 850,000 corporate clients. Edenred offers specific-purpose payment solutions for food (such as meal benefits), mobility (such as multi-energy, maintenance, toll, parking and commuter solutions), incentives (such as gift cards, employee engagement platforms) and corporate payments (such as virtual cards).

True to the Group's purpose, "Enrich connections. For good." these solutions enhance users' well-being and purchasing power. They improve companies' attractiveness and efficiency, and vitalize the employment market and the local economy.

They also foster access to healthier food, more environmentally friendly products and softer mobility.

Edenred's 10,000 employees are committed to making the world of work a connected ecosystem that is safer, more efficient and more responsible every day.

In 2020, thanks to its global technology assets, the Group managed close to €30 billion in business volume, primarily carried out via mobile applications, online platforms and cards.

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