

## **STEF Belgium expands its fleet with a compressed natural gas vehicle to deliver to the centre of Brussels**

**STEF Belgium, specialist in temperature-controlled transport and logistics services for food products, is expanding its fleet with vehicles specially designed for deliveries to local shops and restaurants in the centre of Brussels. The introduction of this compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicle represents a new concrete response by the Group to the complex challenges of last-mile delivery and a further step in reducing the environmental impact of its operations.**

Since 2017, STEF Belgium has been operating a logistics centre at Brussels' Vroegmarkt which acts as an urban distribution platform. A team of employees takes care of the cross-docking activities: reception of fresh and frozen food products during the night, followed by distribution in the city from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Urban distribution is handled by a fleet of Euro VI refrigerated vehicles adapted to the city centre, which suffers from severe traffic and parking problems. It now also has a compressed natural gas vehicle that works with a refrigeration system whose energy is supplied by the CNG engine in the chassis. This new vehicle has the advantage of reducing the particulate emissions and noise pollution by half and improving the carbon footprint by about 30%.

**Gauthier Morel, general manager of STEF Belgium, explained:** *«Urban logistics contribute to the dynamism of city centres. It is therefore essential to find the right balance between economic requirements, respect for the environment and the quality of life of the inhabitants. That is why the Group is actively working on all the resources at its disposal to integrate road transport into a sustainable ecosystem and improve its environmental performance. CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) is now an alternative to diesel engines for a greener solution of the last miles».*

### **About STEF Group**

STEF is the European leader in temperature-controlled transport and logistics services. Its mission: to be the link between producers and distributors of food products. STEF is present in 7 countries and has 19,000 employees who are committed to providing tailor-made solutions to food manufacturers, retail chains and out-of-home food service providers in a sustainable manner. In 2020, STEF has a turnover of more than €3 billion.

The Group, which has been based in Belgium since 1989, has 350 employees and 6 branches.

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