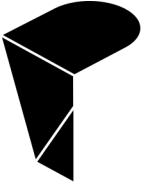


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Finland's first public high-power charging station for commercial electric transport opened.

Plugit Finland opened Finland's first public high-power charging station for electric heavy transport in Viinikka, Tampere, on November 14, 2023. The station was inaugurated by Minister of Climate and the Environment Kai Mykkänen.

The charging station serves inner city and road transport as well as lighter electric vehicle commercial traffic.

The station was inaugurated with a festive ceremony

The Minister of Climate and the Environment Kai Mykkänen inaugurated the charging station and brought greetings from the government highlighting the importance of electrification on commercial transport in achieving national emission reduction targets.

Mayor of the City of Tampere, Kalervo Kummola and Anna Storm, VP, Stakeholder Relations & Director of Sustainability of Posti Group, and Magnus Björklund, Managing Director of Volvo Finland Ab were present in panel discussion addressing the impact of sustainability thinking on the electrification on commercial transportation. All agreed the importance of open collaboration and dialogue among different actors on e-mobility. Electric commercial vehicles were also present on site to demonstrate the use of the charging station.

Plugit Viinikka PRO DC station is equipped with HUBE, a dynamic charging and energy management system, manufactured by Plugit in Finland. The output of the charging station is 360kW per gun and it is also equipped with 500 kW energy storage and solar panels. The system is balanced with electric grid. Over the coming years, several similar charging stations for commercial electric vehicles will be built in Finland.

Green corridors require bold actions

Electrification of transportation has taken its first steps in recent years. Today, green transition is mainly visible on light weight commercial vehicles such as taxis and service vans. Inner city distribution and heavy-duty road transport across industry sectors are next to pop up. All this will lead to a welcome reduction in emissions from roads and streets.

The public charging network for heavy-duty and road transportation electric vehicles is still at a very early stage. Therefore, Plugit has now taken the initiative to build HPC station network for the commercial transportation and industries they serve in the Nordic countries. The new station network will offer more options for route planning and optimization for large scale and SME operators.

"The development of the network requires investments from private companies, and investing in our own charging stations is Plugit's way of contributing to the electrification of transport and achieving emission targets," says Topi Aaltonen, Plugit's Sales Director.