

Shell: green light for Toll4Europe shares

- Antitrust authorities approve 15 % takeover
- O Joint venture brings Europe-wide toll box into trucks

Shell's acquisition of a stake in Toll4Europe has now been completed. euroShell Cards B.V., based in Rotterdam and part of the Shell Group, acquired a 15 % stake in the European toll service provider Toll4Europe, an EETS (Electronic European Toll Service) provider. euroShell will also become one of Toll4Europe's distribution partners for toll payment services. The German competition authority approved the acquisition.



Toll4Europe wants to make it easier for transport or logistics customers with heavy goods vehicles on the European road network in the future: A universal Toll4Europe toll box in the truck cockpit and a contract with a supplier should then suffice. In the medium term, the toll box will enable accelerated payment of road, bridge and tunnel tolls in all European countries.

Berlin-based Toll4Europe GmbH was founded in 2017 as a joint venture between T-Systems International GmbH, Daimler AG and DKV Euro Service GmbH und Co. KG. Even after Shell's investment, T-Systems, a subsidiary of Deutsche Telekom AG, will continue to manage the company. T-Systems is Toll4Europe's main IT supplier and provides all relevant processes and services for the European interoperable toll collection. T-Systems holds 55 % of the shares, Daimler, DKV and euroShell each hold 15 %.





Katya Atanasova, Shell Vice President Fleet Solutions, explains: "By joining Toll4Europe, we can further improve our toll services for our euroShell card customers in Europe. The Toll4Europe box will eventually offer digital toll payments and mobility services across all EU countries."

EU: National toll systems must work together

The legal framework for the development of a European toll box is the EU directive "European Electronic Toll Service (EETS)". The directive applies in principle to all EU states that have introduced or are planning to introduce an electronic truck tolling system. It obliges toll operators to ensure interoperability. The various toll systems in the various countries must be able to work together. Germany transposed this directive into national law in 2014 through the Toll System Act.

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