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## Contargo and SBRS

### The collaboration behind Germany's largest private electric truck charging network and how it's helping power wider e-mobility adoption

In 2018, German logistics company Contargo took a pioneering step by purchasing its first four heavy-duty electric trucks. Committed to reducing emissions by electrifying its fleet, Contargo worked closely with SBRS (a member of the Shell group) to build a charging network to support its vision. By the end of 2025, Contargo is expected to operate a fleet of 90 e-trucks, powering them at 90 fast-charging points.

Long term, the company aims to open some of its private charging sites to third-party fleets. It also has plans to build two new depots designed to allow public access, integrating its infrastructure into Europe's expanding, shared EV charging network for heavy-duty fleets.

“Every kilometre we drive with an electric truck saves us 94% in emissions.”

**Kristin Kahl,**  
Sustainable Solutions Manager  
at Contargo

### The ambition: optimise electric fleet performance

Contargo invested early in e-mobility to help lower its carbon footprint, while maintaining operational efficiency. Because its trucks make frequent, short-haul trips, electrification aligned well with its logistics model. Success depended on building the right infrastructure: reliable overnight charging and strategically placed top-up points along delivery routes.

\*The IP2025 award recognises outstanding achievements in the fields of innovation, science, sustainability.

### The collaboration: building infrastructure to last

Contargo chose SBRS for its proven industry expertise and ability to deliver scalable, end-to-end charging infrastructure that helps fleets reach their decarbonisation goals. Starting in 2023, the project included installing 79 high-performance chargers at 14 container terminals in Germany, each integrated with renewable energy systems. Each site presented unique challenges but led to significant emissions savings.

“We're seeing firsthand how integrated infrastructure can support scaling up and contribute to reducing emissions in logistics operations.”

**Kristin Kahl**

### The result: charging solutions that drive e-fleet adoption

Contargo says its collaboration with SBRS supported its energy transition. The project set the logistics firm on track to have about 10% of its fleet electrified by the end of the year, while also earning SBRS an IP2025 award\* for innovation in future-orientated mobility solutions.

Contargo's Sustainable Solutions Manager Kristin Kahl sees charging infrastructure as the biggest hurdle to e-mobility in the transport sector. She believes a collaborative approach and shared charging infrastructure play a crucial role in accelerating the electrification of Europe's heavy-duty fleets.

### Insights for fleets looking to electrify

Contargo approached electrification by looking beyond upfront costs to the full journey ahead. It started early and:

- Found the right expert provider to build integrated charging infrastructure tailored to its unique needs
- Developed its depot capabilities but also installed top-up chargers at strategic locations to optimise operational efficiency
- Designed a charging network that scaled as the fleet grew, enabling flexibility and control
- Recognised the value of combining private, public and semi-public charging infrastructure to drive technological change across the industry



### Ready to electrify your fleet?

Explore how SBRS can help accelerate your e-mobility journey: