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### Stuttgart Airport receives ACI award for all-electric turnaround

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Stuttgart Airport has been granted the ACI Eco-Innovation Award 2026 for its efforts to electrify their apron operations. The Airport Council International (ACI) Europe is the umbrella organisation for European airports, representing over 600 airports. The Eco-Innovation Award recognises outstanding commitment to environmental sustainability and innovative approaches to matters such as emissions reduction and noise abatement. Stuttgart Airport is being honoured for its holistic approach to implementing an all-electric turnaround process.

Ulrich Heppe, CEO of Stuttgart Airport, said: “The Eco-Innovation Award is a special honour for us. It recognises our years of work in electrifying aircraft handling. A key goal of our STRzero carbon strategy is to carry out all ground handling work on the aircraft – from landing to take-off – using electric vehicles by 2030,” said Heppe.

As early as 1991, the first fuel-efficient hybrid baggage tug was in operation on Stuttgart Airport’s apron. Since 2018, all passenger and baggage transport has been battery-powered and emission-free. The commissioning of the world’s first electric refuelling truck in the 40 m<sup>3</sup> class by the refuelling provider Skytanking marked another milestone in 2024. Thanks to its electric vehicle fleet, the airport saves 1,160,000 litres of diesel every year. Combined with the use of HVO diesel, the airport managed to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the apron fleet by over 90 per cent.

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Electric Fleet at Stuttgart Airport