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PostEurop and its member postal operators affirm at Copenhagen its commitment and stays on target to support its aim at reducing CO2 emissions by 10% by end of 2012, in an effort to curb CO2 emissions across the region.

A Global Postal Presence

At the Copenhagen Climate Change conference, the global postal sector is represented by Mr. Edouard Dayan, Universal Postal Union (UPU) Director General, who participated in UN's climate neutral effort discussion yesterday and high-level meetings today. Dr. Botond Szebeny was present at Copenhagen representing PostEurop, a restricted union of UPU.

As a further show of dedication and support for a climate change deal in Copenhagen, PostEurop and members alongside global colleagues, stamped and signed their names on UPU's eight-metre long banners which forms part of the Climate Maze in a main square of Copenhagen (Kongen Nytorv).

Europeanwide initiative

Prior to the United Nations Climate Change conference in Copenhagen, UPU announced the results of their first global inventory of greenhouse gas emissions produced by the global postal sector. The result declares that 26 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions is attributed to global postal activities.

PostEurop Greenhouse Gas Reduction programme brought postal environmental experts together on a regular basis since June 2007, to enable knowledge sharing and further education amongst PostEurop programme participants. With that, a common CO2 measurement protocol was soon established in April 2008 enabling data collection and sharing. Participants boldly set a target to collectively reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 10% towards end of 2012.

"This Europeanwide initiative has developed into a platform to promote healthier living and working environment throughout the postal sector and in line with the Kyoto protocol. It encourages further research and development as well as use of innovative technology to further reduce our carbon footprint. With that, we saw an increase in programme participation from 17 to 26 member participants as well as increase in commitment from the overall sector as we stay on target with our aim towards 2012." said Dr. Botond Szebeny, PostEurop Secretary General at Copenhagen.

"Speaking on behalf of participating European Postal Operators, we support the commitment continuation post-Kyoto and hope for successful outcomes at the COP15. Postal operators are fully immersed and committed to making a difference in everyway possible and at every level to address the issues that touch the very community we serve. Our efforts will continue to grow as we understand the long term implications the decisions taking place here have on us and the future generation." concludes Szebeny.

Press release

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More information on the PostEurop Green House Gas reduction programme available on www.posteurop.org and www.sustainablepost.eu

More information on Global Postal Sector available on UPU's "[Greening the Post](#)" presskit.

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