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Trade fair shuttle buses to run on low-emission biodiesel for the first time

- **Four new HVO buses to make their debut at GalaBau 2026**
- **Hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) leads to lower CO_2 and particulate matter emissions**

At GalaBau 2026, NürnbergMesse will, for the first time, be operating four shuttle buses that run on HVO100 ('biodiesel') at the exhibition venue. By gradually switching to this alternative fuel, NürnbergMesse is reducing CO_2 and particulate matter emissions from the vehicles used in its trade fair operations. "For many visitors to our trade fairs, the shuttle buses are their first point of contact with the exhibition venue. That is why it is important to use HVO100 to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels in this area too," says Dirk Blum, Senior Vice President 'Finance & Facility' at the NürnbergMesse Group.

The shuttle buses are a key component of visitor logistics at the exhibition venue. They enable trade fair visitors to travel, for example, from the 'Messe' underground station and from the Mitte entrance to NCC Ost on the other side of the exhibition venue. During GalaBau 2026, four buses powered by HVO100 (hydrotreated vegetable oil) will be transporting trade fair visitors for the first time. HVO100 is produced from residual and waste materials, such as used cooking oil, and can be used in many conventional diesel vehicles.

Our visitor shuttle buses are an important part of the trade fair's operations. "By using HVO100, we can work with our partner OVF to reduce the associated emissions whilst also relying on an existing, practical technology," says Manuela Röschlau, Senior Purchasing Manager at NürnbergMesse.

The HVO shuttle buses are operated by Omnibusverkehr Franken GmbH (OVF), a company in the Bavarian DB Bus Group. According to Axel Nettersheim, Operations Manager at OVF, the operating conditions at

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the exhibition centre are particularly well suited to this alternative fuel: “Given the short distances travelled at the exhibition venue, HVO100 delivers impressive reductions in CO_2 and particulate matter emissions.”

About the NürnbergMesse Group

The NürnbergMesse Group was entered in the commercial register on 5 April 1974 as Nürnberger Messe- und Ausstellungsgesellschaft mbH (NMA) and is now one of the 15 largest exhibition companies worldwide. The Group employs around 1,200 people at 15 international locations in Germany, Austria, Italy, Greece, Brazil, China, India, and the USA. It also has a network of international representatives in more than 100 other countries. Its portfolio comprises around 120 on-site and online events focusing on five main areas: Retail & Consumer Goods, Building & Construction, Process Technology, Electronics & Security, and Social & Public. Overall, its events secure more than 12,000 jobs and generate billions of euros in purchasing power and tax revenue every year, making NürnbergMesse a major economic driver for the Nuremberg Metropolitan Region and Germany as a whole. As an employer and organiser of major events, NürnbergMesse takes its responsibilities for people and the environment seriously. Its business activities are aligned with the UN’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the aim of achieving at least 95% carbon neutrality in its energy supply by 2028 (according to the GHG Protocol Scopes 1 and 2, market-based).

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