

European Transport Company of the Year

Van Maanen first winner

Within the framework of the Truck Europe Forum, Truck Europe has for the first time awarded an annual trophy for the best European Transport Company of the Year. Dutch transport company Van Maanen won this first edition. The ceremony took place at the end of the 3rd Truck Europe Forum in Amsterdam

A home win for Ronald and René Van Maanen, winners of the European Transport Company of the Year (together with Mark Appels (Teleroute).



THE AWARD

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The European Transport Company of the Year Award was designed to find the best case studies throughout Europe, to highlight the work that international transporters carry out, and especially to share best practices and inspire other professionals. Twelve candidates were brought to the fore by Truck Europe's editorial partners, six of them being selected as Nominees by the jury. Expert members of the jury, besides representatives of the editorial partners, came from renowned consultants like PricewaterhouseCoopers, Analytiqa, Frost & Sullivan and Conlogic.

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From l. to r.: Claude Yvens (Truck Europe), Joost Van Lierde (Van Moer Group), (AS 24) and Jo Van Moer (winner of the third prize).



Runners-up Andrew and Joe Reynolds with Claude Yvens (l.) and Walter Mastelinck (Transics).

Van Maanen has a strong experience in distribution, international groupage and exceptional transport. The company is specialized in loads which are easily damaged, have unusual measurements and are difficult to handle and time critical. Last year the company won the "Ondernemersprijs Transport en Logistiek prijs 2008"-award, a yearly award for best entrepreneur in transport and logistics. A position of leadership that the company confirms through the European Transport Company

Award. The second and third places go respectively to Reynolds Logistics (Ireland) and Van Moer Group (Belgium). The winner was praised by its customers for its flexibility, efficiency and its dependability. Van Maanen has a clear edge over its rivals with its use of IT, giving swift visibility of asset utilisation. It has focussed on fuel consumption. It takes a proactive approach to all parts of its operation – indeed its management team was prepared for the economic downturn.

Ultimately, the winner was to the fore in all judging criteria: Financial & Administrative Structure, Customer Relationship Management, Fleet Management, Safety, IT & Telematics and Environment. The other Nominees were Reynolds (Ireland, 2nd prize), Van Moer (Belgium, 3rd prize), Nord-Süd (Germany), Waberer's (Hungary) and Smidl (Czech Republic).

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