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## OPTIFUEL CHALLENGE 2019: 25 ECO-DRIVERS HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FINAL

**The international final of the fifth edition of the Optifuel Challenge eco-efficient driving competition is set to take place in Lyon, the historic birthplace of Renault Trucks. On 16 October, 25 drivers will go head-to-head, with the winner being awarded a Renault Trucks T High 480 model year 2019.**

Optifuel Challenge, the competition focused solely on rational driving, created in 2012, perfectly illustrates Renault Trucks' global vehicle-driver-services approach to sustainably reduce fuel consumption from the very first kilometer.

Since early 2019, national eco-driving challenges have been organised in the various competing countries. Twenty-five eco-drivers have won a place in the grand final and, for the first time, Renault Trucks will be welcoming them to their headquarters in Lyon Saint-Priest on 16 October 2019.

The international final will be split into two parts. First, drivers will complete a questionnaire that tests their knowledge of eco-driving principles and how to reduce fuel consumption. Next, they will participate in a 40-minute open-road driving test in a Renault Trucks T Optifuel with a 13-litre Euro 6 Step D engine. The winner will be the driver who consumed the least without sacrificing commercial speed.

Throughout the competition, drivers will be assisted by a representative from their company and a member of the local Renault Trucks network. Their team will be able to track their performance in real time using the Optifleet fleet management system.

To ensure equity among the competitors, a random draw will determine the order of passage, and tractor-trailer departures will be staggered. An additional vehicle will accompany each group of drivers to take into account traffic and any factors that may affect driving conditions.

The best driver will win a Renault Trucks T High 480 model year 2019.

#### List of finalists:

**Algeria:** Nabil Bedreddine; TerrenoTrans  
**Belgium:** Gérald Sundermann; Coca Cola European Partners Belgium  
**Bulgaria:** Plamen Ivanov; Sunny Co Ltd.  
**Chile:** Miguel Vargas; Transportes Berrios  
**Czech Republic:** David Suchánek; Josef Lux - Eurotrans  
**Estonia:** Kalle Puhm; Velirek OÜ  
**France:** Pascal Bosser; Transports Rollin  
**Hungary:** János Szabados; Moltrans  
**Israel:** Shlomo Bezerano; Bezerano Transport  
**Italy:** Daniele Lucertini; Autotrasporti Lucertini SRL  
**Latvia:** Andrejs Šēfers; IFT, SIA  
**Lithuania:** Erikas Sadauskas; MS Transport, UAB  
**Luxembourg:** Mickael Schmitt; Di Edigio  
**Morocco:** Atman Kardach; Socamtra  
**Poland:** Piotr Krahel; Concept Cargo Logistics  
**Portugal:** Carlos Papeleira; Ribercer  
**Romania:** Costin Anghelescu; Costi Trans  
**Serbia & Montenegro:** Dragan Radenković; Transport Mršević  
**Slovakia:** František Oravec; František Oravec  
**Spain:** Raúl Álvarez Taboada; Galicia Direct  
**Switzerland:** Reto Winterberger; Wüthrich Transporte GmbH  
**Tunisia:** Adel Nefzi; Transpool  
**Turkey:** Omer Yaman; Aktur Logistic  
**Ukraine:** Yevhen Zhuravlov; Zhuravlov PE  
**United Kingdom:** Gary Masterman; Earl Transport Ltd.

#### About Renault Trucks

Building on the legacy of more than a century of French truck know-how, Renault Trucks supplies transport professionals with a wide range of services and vehicles (from 2.8 to 120 T) adapted to local and regional distribution, construction and long distance activities. Renault Trucks vehicles are sturdy and reliable with low fuel consumption that enables them to deliver greater productivity and control operating costs. Renault Trucks is distributing and servicing its trucks via a dealership network comprising over 1,500 service points. The design and assembly of Renault Trucks vehicles, as well as the production of most components, is carried out in France.

Renault Trucks is part of the Volvo Group, one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks, buses, construction equipment and marine and industrial engines. The Group also provides complete solutions for financing and service. The Volvo Group, which employs about 105,000 people, has production facilities in 18 countries and sells its products in more than 190 markets. In 2018 the Volvo Group's net sales amounted to about SEK 391 billion (EUR 38 billion). The Volvo Group is a publicly-held company headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden. Volvo shares are listed on Nasdaq Stockholm.

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