

# New bpost Evere distribution centre opens for business

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Today the hundred plus postwomen and men serving Schaerbeek relocate to the new distribution centre in Evere. The postwomen and men serving Woluwe-Saint-Lambert and Woluwe-Saint-Pierre will join them in May. The relocation to this more spacious, up-to-date site brings an end to almost 20 years of bpost history in Schaerbeek. The Schaerbeek site is no longer able to meet the needs of a modern postal company.

### Preparing for growing parcel volumes

bpost is adapting to the market realities. More space is required to handle constant year-on-year parcel growth. With this in mind, the Evere distribution centre offers over 1000 m<sup>2</sup> of floorspace than its previous location in Schaerbeek. The postwomen and men will start and end 112 mail rounds at the new site, serving the residents of the municipalities of Schaerbeek, Etterbeek, Haren and Evere.

## Accessible, modern, sustainable

Evere offers numerous operational advantages that make it the ideal home base. The new 5396m<sup>2</sup> facility is a fully fledged distribution centre with stateof-the-art workstations harnessing cutting-edge technology. It also includes a spacious covered area where employees can safely and efficiently load and unload their vehicles while sheltered from the weather.

Evere distribution centre manager Ali Koutchi says: "This is not only a more modern facility that is ready for growth. It is also one that is very easy to access, not least with public transport, both day and night." Sustainability was prioritised in the development phase. Photovoltaic panels meet the site's energy needs. The exceptionally energy-efficient facility is equipped with sustainable LED lighting and an extensive rainwater harvesting system.

#### **Three-phase relocation**

Employees currently working out of Woluwe-Saint-Lambert and Woluwe-Saint-Pierre will move to the new Evere distribution centre in February and April respectively.

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