

Press Release

Vantage Towers inaugurates first federally funded mobile communications tower in Schleswig-Holstein

- First mobile tower funded under the MIG programme in Schleswig-Holstein inaugurated with State Secretary Julia Carstens
- New site provides mobile coverage for Bahrenhof Forest and surrounding areas
- Telefónica, Deutsche Telekom and Vodafone share the site

Bahrenhof/Düsseldorf, 1 October 2026 – Vantage Towers AG, one of Europe's leading tower companies, today inaugurated the first mobile communications tower in Schleswig-Holstein to be funded by the German federal government's Mobile Infrastructure Company (Mobilfunkinfrastrukturgesellschaft mbH, MIG).

The approximately 41-metre steel lattice tower closes a mobile coverage gap in Bahrenhof, Schleswig-Holstein. The site has been designed to accommodate antennas from all mobile network operators. Telefónica, Deutsche Telekom and Vodafone are already sharing the tower infrastructure by installing their antennas at the site.

For the first time, the mobile base station brings broadband mobile connectivity to a previously completely unserved area in Bahrenhof Forest, enabling services such as emergency calls. The surrounding area, which is used primarily for forestry and recreation, will also benefit from significantly improved mobile coverage and access to high-performance mobile services.

After receiving the funding approval for the Bahrenhof site in the district of Segeberg in December 2024, Vantage Towers officially inaugurated the tower today in the presence of Julia Carstens, State Secretary at the Schleswig-Holstein Ministry for Economic Affairs, Transport, Labour, Technology and Tourism, and Hartmut Janssen, authorised signatory of MIG. The mobile network operators had already put the site into service in September 2026.

Julia Carstens, State Secretary at the Ministry for Economic Affairs, Transport, Labour, Technology and Tourism of Schleswig-Holstein: "Mobile coverage in Schleswig-Holstein compares favourably with other regions across Germany, but that does not mean we can afford to stand still. While there are only a few remaining white spots, we still see a clear need to further improve mobile coverage in many parts of the state. I am therefore pleased that the federal government's mobile communications funding programme is helping to connect a previously unserved area here in Bahrenhof and will also improve mobile reception in the surrounding region."

Badiaa Bazarbacha, Deputy Managing Director Germany at Vantage Towers: "Mobile connectivity is about much more than convenience. Together with the mobile network operators, we are working to provide comprehensive digital connectivity in rural areas as well. With this new tower, people in Bahrenhof Forest will be able to stay connected and make reliable emergency

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calls when it matters most. In doing so, we are improving both safety and accessibility for everyone who spends time here."

Hartmut Janssen, authorised signatory at MIG: "Reliable digital infrastructure is now an essential factor for regional development and competitiveness. This includes dependable nationwide mobile coverage. In future, people visiting the popular recreation area around Lake Segeberg, whether hiking or cycling, will be able to make calls and use mobile data services reliably. It is particularly encouraging that this site was among the last to receive funding approval, yet among the first to become operational. I would like to thank Vantage Towers AG for delivering the project, the landowner for providing the site, and the municipality of Bahrenhof, the district of Segeberg and the state of Schleswig-Holstein for their excellent cooperation."

Under the federal government's mobile communications funding programme, both the construction of the tower and its operation are supported for a period of seven years. The funding makes the site more attractive for shared use by mobile network operators. Once the funded tower has been completed, operators can install their antennas under predefined and more favourable commercial conditions thanks to the subsidised passive infrastructure, enabling them to provide coverage in previously unserved areas.

Further information on the federal mobile communications funding programme is available at www.netzda-mig.de.

About Vantage Towers

Vantage Towers is a leading tower company in Europe with about 90,000 sites in ten countries, connecting people, businesses and devices in cities and rural areas. The company was founded in 2020 and is headquartered in Düsseldorf.

Vantage Towers' portfolio includes towers, masts, rooftop sites, distributed antenna systems (DAS) and small cells. By building, operating and leasing this infrastructure to MNOs or other network providers such as IoT companies or utilities, Vantage Towers is making a significant contribution to a better-connected Europe.

While already 100% of the grid electricity that Vantage Towers uses to operate its infrastructure is obtained from renewable energy sources, green energy generation is piloted directly on site with the help of solar panels and micro wind turbines, and also hydrogen solutions are under testing. This fits well into the overall strategy of the company to drive a sustainable digitalisation in Europe and to support partners through technological innovation in decarbonisation and achieving their climate goals.

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