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## **KUKA signs major contract with Ford Otosan**

Augsburg/Istanbul – 24 January 2022 – KUKA and Ford Otosan in Turkey have signed a new framework contract for supplying more than 700 robots for Ford's next generation electrical and connected commercial vehicle projects in Ford's plants in Kocaeli. The contract marks a continuation of the companies' partnership which has been in place for more than 20 years.

The KUKA products and solutions will be used for the production of bodies-in-white and at other various locations over the next few years. Among other aspects, KUKA's services and the long-standing collaboration were important factors in the decision to award the contract. "KUKA is very pleased to further accompany Ford Otosan on its journey towards electromobility in the coming years", says Kagan Abidin, Director Turkey & Middle East at KUKA.

Ford Otosan, established in 1959, with its production capacity of 455,000 commercial vehicles and 70,000 engines and 140,000 powertrains by the end of 2020, is the biggest commercial vehicle production center of Ford in Europe. Ford Otosan has achieved 10 consecutive years automotive industry championship and is Turkey's export champion for 6 years in a row.

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## KUKA

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