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Solaris Urbino 9 LE electric receives the prestigious busplaner Innovation Award 2022!

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On 26 April, at a festive gala held in Berlin, Solaris was handed the Innovation Award in the category “Electric bus: Intercity”. This is yet another prize awarded by “busplaner” magazine to Solaris vehicles and yet more proof of the fact that zero-emission technology is venturing beyond just city centres.

The Innovation Award 2022 is an international competition held by the German magazine “busplaner”, one of the leading opinion-forming trade magazines in Europe. This year, the jury nominated 75 innovative and practical solutions in 15 categories, from electric models to hybrid vehicles and coaches, as well as assistance systems, workshop equipment, and pioneering bus tour offerings. The winners were determined by the readers’ votes. The Solaris Urbino 9 LE electric, which can also be type-approved as a class II vehicle, won in the category “Electric bus: Intercity”. The award ceremony took place on 26 April in Berlin at the Bus2Bus conference.

“We are very proud that Solaris has once again been recognised for its contribution to the development of sustainable transport. Our aim is to actively support European towns and cities in their transition to green mobility. We are achieving this by offering zero-emission buses that not only carry passengers in city centres, but also throughout entire conurbations and between towns and cities. The Urbino 9 LE electric bus is an excellent example of this”, said Christian Goll, the Managing Director of Solaris Deutschland GmbH.

The Urbino 9 LE electric bus is the youngest member of the electric Solaris Urbino family. Thanks to its compact dimensions it performs excellently not only in cramped city spaces, but also on steep climbs and on tight mountain bends. Thus, it provides a perfect link between the urban and suburban road network across sprawling conurbations. The bus was launched in autumn 2021 and since then it has found clients in Spain, Italy, Austria and Poland. Soon, the first Urbino 9 LE electric units will roll out onto the streets of Polish and Italian towns and cities.

The prize awarded in this year’s edition of the competition is the latest in a long line of the producer’s successes on the international stage. So far, Solaris has been awarded distinctions by the “busplaner” magazine and its readers in the following categories: “Electric bus” for the Urbino 15 LE electric bus (in 2020), “Concept Vehicle” for the Urbino 12 hydrogen bus (in 2019), and “Innovation of the Year” for the new Urbino 12 electric (2018), the Urbino 18.75 electric (2014) and the Urbino 8.9 LE electric (2012) buses.

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Solaris Bus & Coach sp. z o.o. is one of the leading European bus and trolleybus manufacturers. Benefiting from 25 years of experience and having manufactured over 20,000 vehicles, Solaris affects the quality of city transport in hundreds of cities across Europe every day. Thinking of the future, the firm is setting new standards by dynamically developing its products, in particular in the electromobility sector. Solaris electric buses, trolleybuses and hydrogen buses are cutting-edge solutions for zero emission public transport. Solaris products have been repeatedly awarded for quality and innovation. The Solaris Urbino 12 electric won the prestigious European "Bus of the Year 2017" competition. In September 2018 Solaris Bus & Coach sp. z o.o. joined CAF Group.