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### **Solaris contracted 2000th e-bus**

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**Solaris has signed a contract for its 2000th e-bus. So far, Urbino electric models of various lengths and configurations have been chosen by carriers in over 140 towns and cities in 21 European countries.**

Over the last few years, a profound e-mobility revolution has taken place. Several years ago, only a few opted to electrify their municipal bus fleets. The vast majority of routes were operated by buses with conventional drives. In 2012, only 15 electric buses rolled out onto the streets of European cities. In 2021, every fourth newly registered bus in Western Europe was electric.

In the last few weeks, the manufacturer signed a contract for its 2000th electric bus, which has confirmed that the path chosen years ago is the right one. "We have invested in e-mobility for a long time: we have been designing new models of e-buses, developing electric drive technologies and supporting initiatives aimed at transitioning to zero-emission transport. From the very beginning we have emphasised that this is the right direction for the development of modern urban transport systems. Today, electric buses made by Solaris are part and parcel of the everyday life of residents in over 100 European towns and cities, and this makes us extremely proud. We are grateful for each and every of these 2000 orders, and we would also like to thank our employees for the work they put into designing, manufacturing and servicing the vehicles", summed up Javier Calleja, CEO of Solaris Bus & Coach.

Orders for these impressive 2000 zero-emission Urbino electric vehicles have been placed by carriers from over 140 towns and cities in 21 European countries. Over 1300 vehicles out of this pool have already been delivered and enhance public transport. Another 700 electric units will be manufactured this year or in the years to follow. Electric Urbino vehicles bolster modern and environmentally friendly transport in such cities as Berlin, Bolzano, Brussels, Cluj-Napoca, Cracow, Landshut, Madrid, Milan, Oslo, Paris, Warsaw and Venice – to name but a few.

Solaris embarked on its battery-powered journey in 2011, when the first 8.9-metre Urbino electric bus was launched. The Urbino 12 electric bus has been manufactured since 2012. A year later, the articulated Urbino 18 electric bus was unveiled. In 2019, a platform for the bi-articulated Urbino 24 electric was developed, and in 2020 the Urbino 15 LE electric was launched as the first intercity e-bus in Solaris's electric range. In 2021, 10 years after the launch of its predecessor, our latest electric bus was presented to the public: the Urbino 9 LE electric.

What makes the manufacturer's offering so unique is the universal character of its e-buses combined with a tailor-made approach. Boasting vast experience in the collaboration with clients from all over Europe, the company knows perfectly well that the process of switching to zero-emission vehicles is different for each and every of them and that there is no one-fits-all solution. That is why Solaris supports carriers as early as at the stage of planning their fleet transformation. The company shares its knowledge and competence and draws up feasibility reports for its clients suggesting the best options for individual routes to them and at the same time it puts forward solutions that will complement the fleet operating in a specific area.

Today, the company manufactures over 1500 buses annually, with nearly half of these featuring fully

or partly electric drives. The share of alternative drives in the order book of the company has been growing for several years, which clearly shows that more and more towns and cities opt for zero-emission mobility. This paradigm shift in the transport sector has become reality, and 2000 ordered and sold Solaris e-buses proves it.

[Solaris contracted 2000th e-bus - watch the video.](#)

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##### **About our company**

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.