



## PRESS RELEASE

### First Solaris buses in Finland are hybrids for Tampere

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**Two Solaris Urbino 12.9 Hybrid have recently been delivered to the city of Tampere. Buses carry evocative livery designed by local artist Timo Huusko. Solaris started activities on the Finnish market at the beginning of the year.**

Two Urbino 12.9 Hybrid are the first Solaris buses to have been delivered to a customer in Finland, Tampereen Kaupunkiliikenne (TKL) of Tampere. These eco-friendly vehicles are distinguished not only by their efficiency - fuel consumption is reduced by up to 30% when compared to their diesel-engined counterparts - but also by their unique colour scheme. Timo Huusko won a contest for the decoration of the buses, which had been organised by TKL, Tampere's local bus operator. In his work "BlueBlob", the winner takes up the colours of water drops and green grass.

*"Until now, Finland had been one of the last Nordic countries without Solaris buses. I am glad that we were able to change this. We hope that this is a good sign and that very soon, Finnish passengers will discover all the advantages of Solaris buses as their counterparts in Sweden, Norway and Denmark already have,"* says Małgorzata Olszewska, member of the Solaris management board for Sales and Marketing.

The southern Finnish city of Tampere is the second-largest urban area and third most populous municipality in the country. As the home of the Finnish textile industry, it is often called the "Manchester of Finland". The agglomeration of 300,000 inhabitants is served by 135 buses, running on 30 lines. The services are provided by TKL. Finland is one of 26 countries where Solaris vehicles have been sold.

#### **Additional information:**

Solaris is a leading European manufacturer of innovative buses and urban rail vehicles. The family business, founded by Krzysztof and Solange Olszewski, has supplied almost 10,000 buses to customers in 26 countries since production started in 1996. Solaris specialises in state-of-the-art city and intercity buses and offers the world's largest range of diesel-electric hybrid buses. Trolleybuses and electric buses provide public transport that is emission-free at the point of operation. The Solaris Tramino low-floor tram is built for attractive urban rail services.

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*Image Caption: The new Solaris Urbino 12.9 Hybrid in Tampere show their environmental benefits with a unique livery designed by Timo Huusko.*

#### **Additional information**

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Solaris Bus & Coach sp. z o.o. is one of the leading producers of city and intercity buses in Europe. It focuses in particular on the development of zero-emission vehicles, i. e. electric and hydrogen buses as well as trolleybuses. This has resulted in the widest zero-emission product range in the European market and a leading position in this segment with a market share of 15.2%. Nearly 25,000 Solaris vehicles have been delivered so far and they ply the streets in 850 towns and cities across 33 countries located throughout Europe as well as beyond it. Solaris is part of the Spanish CAF Group (Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles) S.A. From conception, to the design and manufacturing phases, all Solaris buses are produced in Poland. Moreover, all activities undertaken by the manufacturer are in line with the brand's mission, which is reflected in the motto "We are changing the image of public transport". Solaris also actively partners with public transport operators and provides them with comprehensive support in their transition to zero-emission mobility.