



PRESS RELEASE

Almost 200 zero-emission Solaris buses to go to the Norwegian capital!

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Unibuss AS, one of the biggest Norwegian carriers, has again opted for Solaris quality. On 14 January 2022 a contract for the delivery of 183 Urbino 18 electric buses to the Norwegian capital was signed. The total value of the contract, concluded as a result of a tender, stands approximately €100 mln euro. This is a breakthrough in the company's history, such a large, one-time order for electric buses. The largest contract for Solaris for battery articulated vehicles completed so far was the contract with MZA Warsaw for the supply of 130 vehicles

"We are extremely proud of the trust that Unibuss AS has again placed in us and we are really looking forward to further expanding our collaboration. A contract for such a large delivery of e-buses is also ample proof of the zero-emission revolution becoming reality. The residents of Oslo will soon have the opportunity to see it for themselves when travelling on comfortable Urbino 18 electric buses", underlined Sverre Skaar, Managing Director of Solaris Norge AS.

"Unibuss is very pleased with the selection of Solaris as the supplier of the largest busfleet in any tender in Norway. Unibuss in close cooperation with Solaris will provide Ruter with a stable and high quality busfleet in the capitol of Norway. Unibuss and Solaris has a long standing relationship, and we are happy to develop this further", emphasises Øystein Svendsen CEO of Unibuss.

The 4th generation articulated Urbino 18 electric bus was launched in 2017 and since then it has successfully served passengers in many European metropolises. The vehicle stands out due to its lack of local emissions and it can operate (depending on the battery configuration and infrastructure) up to 24 hours a day. The advantages of articulated e-buses made by Solaris have been already witnessed by the residents of, among other cities, Brussels, Berlin, Barcelona, Warsaw, Cracow, Poznań and Hamburg. Soon, 23 Urbino 18 electric vehicles will also serve the residents of Aarhus in Denmark.

The buses to run on the streets of Oslo will be fitted with High Energy batteries with a total capacity of over 500 kW. They will be recharged using a plug-in charger. A central engine with a power of almost 250 kW will be responsible for the drive.

The inhabitants of Oslo will have an opportunity to experience how comfortable daily urban life can be thanks to all the features supported by the articulated Urbino 18 electric vehicles. They include, among other things, availability of USB chargers, special ambient lights or a double ramp for people with disabilities. With the current pandemic situation in mind, special, reinforced filters will be used in the air conditioning system to provide additional protection against viruses. The presence of zero-emission Urbino electric buses in the centre of Oslo will translate not only to more comfortable travelling but also to better safety for all urban traffic participants.

The zero-emission Urbino 18 electric buses will replace the older Solaris Urbino model that is used in the city traffic in Oslo. The new busses will be in operations in April 2023.

The partnership between Solaris and Unibuss AS dates back to 2006. Since then, the Norwegian

carrier has ordered almost 300 vehicles from the manufacturer. All in all, there are over 500 Solaris Urbino units driving around Norway.

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About our company

Solaris Bus & Coach sp. z o.o. is a leading producer of city and intercity buses in Europe. It focuses on the development of low-emission and zero-emission vehicles, i. e. electric and hydrogen buses as well as trolleybuses. Over 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. All activities undertaken by the company are in line with its mission, which is reflected in the brand's promise: to change 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. Solaris products have been repeatedly awarded for quality and innovation. The Urbino 18 hydrogen bus has won the prestigious 'Bus of the Year 2025' title.