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Solaris awarded two grand prizes for achievements in sustainable development

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Solaris' efforts in sustainable development has been acknowledged by leading ESG experts from academia and business in Poland. On Wednesday, November 20, representatives of Solaris received the grand prizes in two independent competitions. The manufacturer was awarded the Diamond Planet in the "Together for the Planet" program in the "Net-Zero Promoter" category and the Platinum Award in the "ESG Innovator" competition in the "E" (Environment) category.

This week a ceremonial gala was held to mark the conclusion of the second edition of the "Together for the Planet" program. This year, Solaris received the Diamond Planet award in the Net-Zero Promoter category. The award-winning submission highlighted the company's sustainable management model, and the effective implementation of practices aimed at achieving carbon neutrality by 2045, which have enhanced the manufacturer's low- and zero-emission vehicle portfolio. The jury particularly acknowledged that 90% of the electricity the company uses comes from renewable sources, and that the company has reduced its carbon footprint in Scope 1 and 2 by 64% compared to the baseline year of 2019. Additionally, in 2023, 82% of the vehicles delivered by Solaris were equipped with low- and zero-emission drives. Sustainability has also been fully integrated into the company's overall business strategy.

The "Together for the Planet" program, organized by BASF Poland, aims to promote initiatives and projects focused on sustainable development, while also highlighting best practices in climate protection.

In the "ESG Innovator" competition, organized by the Polish ESG Association, Solaris won the Platinum Award in the "E" (Environment) category for the development of the Solaris Urbino 18 hydrogen, an 18-meter articulated hydrogen bus. This innovative vehicle responds to the increasing demand in European cities for zero-emission transportation solutions, contributing to the decarbonization of the transport sector and improving both air quality and the quality of life for urban residents.

The "ESG Innovator" competition welcomes participation from all companies and organizations committed to sustainability. Submissions are evaluated by an independent jury comprising esteemed experts in environmental protection, economics, science, business, and law.

Since 2020, Solaris has been publishing the results of its sustainability efforts in annual reports. In June of this year, Solaris released its fourth report, which presents actions aimed at saving resources used both during production and by the vehicles during their operation – when their environmental impact is greatest. In 2022, based on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) calculations, Solaris received Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) for two buses: Solaris Urbino 18 electric and Solaris Urbino 12 hybrid.

For Solaris, product innovations and development of clean and energy-efficient drivetrains are key pillars of its international success.

Photos 1 and 2: "Together for the Planet" competition gala.

In the first photo, from the left: Joanna Pańczak, ESG Specialist, Solaris Bus & Coach, Weronika Krzywicka-Styzińska, ESG Manager, Solaris Bus & Coach.

Photo 3: Representatives of Solaris Bus & Coach with the Platinum "ESG Innovator" Award.

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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.