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Solaris Expands to New Markets in Spain and Bulgaria

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Bus builder Solaris Bus & Coach continues its expansion with the first buses for two new markets. For the first time, Solaris buses will be operated in Spain and Bulgaria. This takes the number of countries with Solaris vehicles to 22.

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Spain: Alpino 8.6 Midibus for Girona

Girona-based Transports Municipals del Gironès S.A. has become the first bus operator in Spain to choose Solaris buses. The Catalan operator has ordered an Alpino 8.6 low-floor midibus, which is expected to be delivered this autumn.

Solaris CEO Solange Olszewska comments: *"This first order from Spain may only be for one vehicle, but it is an important step for Solaris on the Spanish market, which has a long tradition of local body builders working on various chassis. We are convinced that Solaris's integral solutions will appeal to Spanish customers and we are looking forward to working with further operators."*

Solaris last year established Solaris Bus Ibérica S.A. in Madrid for its activities on the Iberian peninsula. Solaris is currently present in Portugal with a Trollino 12 running on the Coimbra trolleybus network.

Bulgaria: Trolleybuses for Capital Sofia

Over the coming months, the trolleybus fleet in the Bulgarian capital Sofia will benefit from the investment in 30 new trolleybuses. These quiet and eco-friendly trolleybuses will be supplied by Škoda Electric and Solaris Bus & Coach to Sofia Elektrotransport EAD. They will be the first trolleybuses in Sofia to offer low-floor easy access throughout the vehicle, setting new standards in passenger comfort.

These vehicles will be supplied by Solaris's Czech partner Škoda Electric, who will contribute the electric traction systems. Sofia's 12-metre trolleybuses will be fitted with auxiliary diesel generators in order to be able to work away from overhead power supplies in case of service disruptions. Delivery will be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2011.

These trolleybuses will be the first Solaris vehicles for Bulgaria. They demonstrate Solaris's position as a leading supplier of e-mobility solutions. Since its launch nine years ago, more than 400 Solaris Trollino trolleybuses have been built for customers in 14 countries throughout Europe.

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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

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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.