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### Polish-German Economic Prize for Solaris

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It is eleven years now since Solaris has started exporting buses to Germany. Today, Polish manufacturer is the biggest foreign supplier to the German market with over 10% market share. The award, which is given to people and companies with outstanding achievement in nurturing Polish-German economic relations, was handed over by Ilona Antoniszyn-Klik, Vice-minister of Economy, Jerzy Tutaj, member of the Lower-Silesia voivodship council and Jarosław Kurzawa, one of the founders and organisers of the economic forum. Jan Olszewski, Director Business Development received the prize on behalf of Solaris.

Waldemar Pawlak, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy congratulated Solange Olszewska, Chairwoman of the Board, Solaris Bus & Coach on the occasion of receiving the award. *"Polish Ministry of Economy with great satisfaction observes the success of your company on the foreign markets, especially in Germany, where Solaris earned trust from its customers thanks to its spirit of innovation and high quality of its products".*

The jury, part of which are also previous awardees assessed the nominees on the basis of such criteria as financial results, employment, market share, innovation investments and social as well as environmental policies.

Solaris sold the first buses in Germany to a Berlin-based independent transport company. Those were two 12 meter low-floor Solaris Urbino. Currently the total amount of Solaris vehicles in Germany is more than 1,500 units. They operate in almost 100 German cities.

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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.