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# **PRESS RELEASE**

# Solaris Urbino 15 LE electric named best electric bus by busplaner

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The Solaris Urbino 15 LE electric won the "Sustainability Award 2021" handed out by German trade magazine busplaner. This is the first award for the electric intercity bus model of Solaris which premièred at the end of last year.

15 April 2021 saw the ceremonial prize award by the busplaner magazine, which is one of the lead opinion-forming trade magazines in Europe. The event was broadcast from Berlin, from the Bus2Bus conference which was held online due to the pandemic restrictions. The Solaris Urbino 15 LE electric was named winner in the category "electric bus".

"We are very happy that the contribution of Solaris to sustainable transport in Europe has been acknowledged. The expansion of emission-free technologies is crucial to reach climate neutrality. Our latest electric bus model marks yet another step towards helping decision-makers in cities and operators to shift towards environmentally-friendly mobility," said Christian Goll, the Managing Director of Solaris Deutschland GbmH while receiving the award.

The Urbino 15 LE electric is the first electric bus made by Solaris designed both for city and intercity routes. Marking a highly important step towards zero-emission transport, this feature became a key argument for the jury in support of awarding the firm. This bus is an excellent, ecological alternative for diesel models currently prevailing in the segment of intercity transport vehicles. This comes as a response to the needs of European carriers, and it makes for a completely emission-free alternative in this class for CNG-fuelled buses.

The award handed out in this year's busplaner competition is not the first one claimed by the bus producer. So far Solaris has received distinctions in the categories "concept vehicle" for its Urbino 12 hydrogen (in 2019) and the "Innovation of the Year" for the new Urbino 12 electric (2018), the Urbino 18,75 electric (2014) and the Urbino 8,9 LE electric (2012).

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In the picture (from the left): Kerstin Kube-Erkens (Senior Product Manager, Messe Berlin. J), Christian Goll (Managing Director Solaris Deutschland GmbH).

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## About our company

Solaris Bus & Coach sp. z o.o. is one of the leading European bus and trolleybus manufacturers. Benefiting from 25 years of experience and having manufactured over 20,000 vehicles, Solaris affects the quality of city transport in hundreds of cities across Europe every day. Thinking of the future, the firm is setting new standards by dynamically developing its products, in particular in the electromobility sector. Solaris electric buses,

trolleybuses and hydrogen buses are cutting-edge solutions for zero emission public transport. Solaris products have been repeatedly awarded for quality and innovation. The Solaris Urbino 12 electric won the prestigious European "Bus of the Year 2017" competition. In September 2018 Solaris Bus & Coach sp. z o.o. joined CAF Group.