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Artificial BetterFleet

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AI SUPPORTS OPERATION OF ELECTRIC CITY BUSES

Operating a fleet of electric city buses requires meticulous monitoring. Are the charging stations functioning properly? Does the bus still have enough range? Is a replacement vehicle available? These are the kinds of questions now managed with artificial intelligence. BetterFleet, an Australian software company, provides the tools needed for efficient fleet management. During Busworld 2025, the company will launch its service on the European continent.

The steady transition toward fully electric public transport compels operators to manage increasingly complex systems. Monitoring charging procedures, for instance, generates a massive amount of data. This tsunami of information can be overwhelming—but AI reduces fleet operations to a manageable system.

"AI filters the data and prevents information overload. This allows the dispatcher to respond more quickly to potential issues with vehicles on the road, battery levels, or technical failures in the charging stations. All incoming information is transmitted in real time," says Gerardo Zarazua de Rubens, Senior Vice President of BetterFleet.

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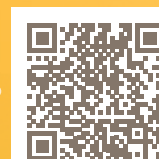
In the photo: David Payne and Gerardo Zarazua de Rubens (left to right) launch BetterFleet on the European continent.



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Founded in 2016 in Sydney, BetterFleet now serves clients in Australia, the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. More than 200 bus companies with a total of 80,000 vehicles rely on BetterFleet's tools.

"We're active in London, where we monitor 30% of all electric city buses—BetterFleet has the largest market share there. In Wales, we also support both public transport and school buses, totaling 4,500 vehicles," adds Gerardo Z.

The integration of AI is advancing at lightning speed. "We first create a digital version, of the network and then compare those results with real-world operations. Such a task takes barely a day. Connecting several hundred charging stations takes less than a week. Our database already includes over fifty types of chargers, from pan-tographs to induction systems."

With the BetterFleet system, operators can now run their networks far more efficiently. As network supervision becomes increasingly labor-intensive, AI proves to be an invaluable tool. "In the event of an incident, rapid intervention is crucial. We specialize in troubleshooting. Finding a solution quickly can prevent a major disruption. Our system relies on live performance data and accurate information, which is sent directly to the right person in the dispatch center. Communication with the driver or technician still takes place through dispatch," the manager stresses.

By managing their networks more efficiently, operators are able to maintain the same level of service without having to purchase additional electric buses. BetterFleet can also advise, based on its experience, which type of charger best suits a particular vehicle. ■

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Busworld Congress makes clear statements

At the opening session of the Busworld Congress, which focused on the analysis of the Bus Market in Europe, spokespersons from Daimler, Iveco, and KLM Group made the following statement: "Will European bus manufacturers successfully survive local challenges and foreign threats? In the changing socio-economic and competitive landscape, the European bus industry is calling for strong action

from European Union policymakers to level the playing field."

The spokespersons were Axel Volckery from the European Commission, Roman Biondo from Daimler, Giorgio Zino from Iveco, Leo Zheng from KLM Group and Mugundah Deenadayalan from Frost & Sullivan. The moderator was Thomas Fabian from ACEA. ■

Norwegian Minister from Transport at Busworld

The Norwegian Minister from Transport, Mr. Jon-Ivar Nygård, came to Busworld to advocate amendments to the General Safety Regulation 2, for better protection of the drivers in case of frontal collisions. His arguments were heard by the European Commission, represented by Karl Nicklas, Head of Unit at DG GROW

and by Mrs. Graziella Jost, program director at the European Transport Safety Council. The GSR2 will be evaluated by the Commission in 2027, so the Busworld Congress 2025 was the right time and place to introduce topics for amendment. Redgy Deschacht, president of Busworld, welcomed the minister. ■



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Molead introduces intelligent cockpit

What could the driver's workstation of the future look like? The Chinese company Molead unveils a design concept for an intelligent cockpit for bus and coach drivers.

Molead is the winner in the "Digital Onboard Comfort" category of the Busworld Digital Awards with their "Intelligent Cockpit System". For this system, Molead integrated various technologies and applications into a new dashboard concept. Numerous tools, elec-

tronic mirrors, video surveillance, and a reversing camera are combined into a new, structured unit enhanced with voice control and advanced driver assistance alerts. The system supports remote upgrades and offers multilingual functionality. The accuracy of its voice interaction exceeds 95%. It also reduces many of the driver's manual operations, significantly improving both comfort and safety. ■



Molead presents an intelligent cockpit to replace the traditional driver's workstation.

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AWARDS IN 2025: 4 COMPETITIONS

Busworld Vehicle Awards



The 22nd edition of this competition took place on 27 September with 12 competing vehicles: 6 buses and 6 coaches. And the winners are...



YUTONG BUS
U15

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YUTONG BUS
T14E

Hall 3 | Booth 305

The best performances in the different sub categories are awarded with a label of excellence.

BUS – Labels of Excellence

- **COMFORT**
Daimler Buses
Mercedes-Benz eCitaro
- **ECOLOGY**
Yutong Bus U15
- **SAFETY**
Yutong Bus U15

Grand Award BUS

- **1st Runner Up**
Daimler Buses
Mercedes-Benz eCitaro
- **2nd Runner Up**
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- **ECOLOGY**
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Yutong Bus IC12E
- **SAFETY**
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Grand Award COACH

- **1st Runner Up**
Daimler Buses - Setra S 515 HD
- **2nd Runner Up**
Yutong Bus IC12E

Busworld Vehicle Design Award



For the very first time in its history, Busworld has grants the Vehicle Design Awards. A jury consisting of specialized design professionals took a look at the exterior and interior of all **buses and coaches present** at Busworld Europe 2025 over the past few days. Taking all the design aspects into consideration they unanimously came to the conclusion that the **Yutong Bus U15** is the winner of the first Busworld Vehicle Design Awards in the category Bus, and the **VDL Bus & Coach Futura 3** in the category Coach.



YUTONG BUS
U15

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VDL BUS & COACH
FUTURA 3

Hall 5 | Booth 504B

Busworld Digital Awards, highlighting digitalization in bus and coach



The Busworld Digital Awards aim to recognize and celebrate groundbreaking digital products and services that are transforming the bus and coach experience for the better.

Out of 31 participants the jury (an international group of bus and coach operators and digital experts) has selected a first, second and third place in the 4 different categories.

2nd & 3rd PLACE

Digital Operational Excellence

- **2nd – ZF Group**
ZF Bus Connect
Hall 5 | Booth 537
- **3rd – Robert Bosch GmbH**
Secure central gateway
Hall 5 | Booth 510

Digitally Enhanced Driving

- **2nd – Knorr Bremse**
Knorr-Bremse Fusion
3.0 Pedestrian Advanced
Emergency Braking
Function
Hall 11 | Booth 1161
- **3rd – Daimler Buses GmbH**
MirrorCam
Hall 5 | Booth 503

WINNERS

Digital Operational Excellence

- **Yutong Bus Co., Ltd.**
Link+ (Yutong Fleet Management)
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E-Mobility Management

- **ZF Group**
ZF's Braking and e-Drive Synergy Program
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Digitally Enhanced Driving

- **MAN Truck & Bus**
Safestop Assist
Hall 4 | Booth 401

Digital Onboard Comfort

- **Molead**
Intelligent Cockpit System
Hall 8 | Booth 843B

Busworld Innovations, your opinion counts



Out of the 47 applications, the Busworld Awards jury labeled 24 products and services as innovative. But you also have a say in this! Do you agree with them or not? Visit the exhibitors on the following shortlist, evaluate their new product and give your vote by scanning the QR code! If a product gets more than 50% YES votes, it will become an official Busworld Europe 2025 Innovation.

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PowerDrive Cortex
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Bus ESS Re-Cell Service + Hybrid & Full Electric ESS Regeneration
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ADAS Streamlined
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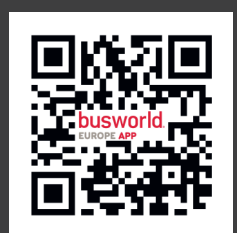
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Imagry Autonomous Buses
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REVO®-E R290
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UNVI C26
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Ray Tracing Roof
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- **YUTONG BUS Co.**
NFC Digital Key Application + Yutong Immersive Surround Sound
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- **Zhengzhou Senpeng Electronics Technology Co., Ltd.**
Senptec Electric Digital Driver's Workplace (DWP)
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ZF e-comp Scroll electric air compressor
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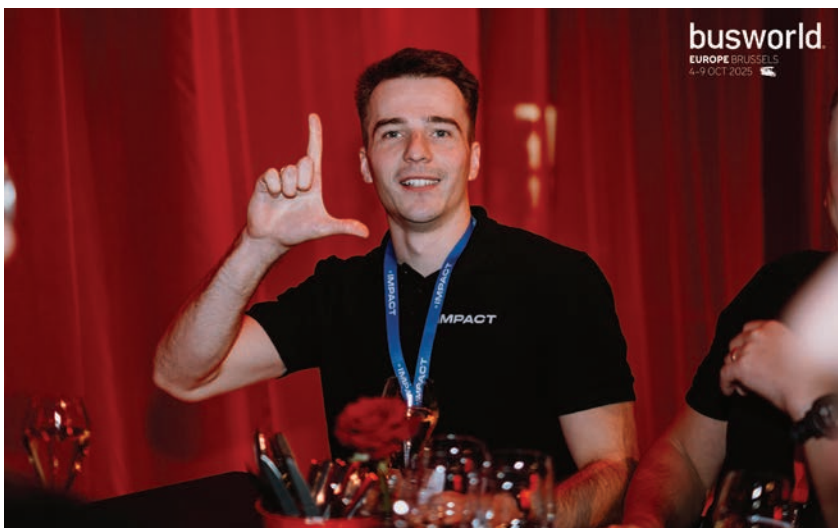
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FIRST EXHIBITOR NIGHT AT BUSWORLD EUROPE: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

The very first Exhibitor Night at Busworld Europe turned out to be an absolute hit. Exhibitors, partners and friends of the Busworld community gathered for an evening filled with good food, great company and plenty of fun.

From the moment the doors opened, the atmosphere was electric: laughter, music and lively conversations filled the room. The event offered everyone a chance to network in a different way, away from the hustle of the exhibition floor, and connect over shared passion and fresh energy.

After dinner, the crowd proved unstoppable: the dance floor was packed until late in the night. Smiles, selfies and spontaneous dance moves said it all... this was one for the books.

The verdict?

A highly successful debut and definitely worth repeating.

Those who missed it will have to take Busworld's word for it. Or better yet, check the photos. They speak for themselves.



Thermo King

Cities in particular demand eco-friendly air conditioning for buses

More than 350 city buses use air conditioning systems manufactured by Thermo King. The Athenia ENVI R-744 unit is an eco-friendly system that uses CO₂ as a coolant. 'The demand for climate control systems free of harmful emissions comes mainly from urban transport companies,' says Ronald Aan, sales manager at Thermo King.

Thermo King is a leading manufacturer in the sector of cooling systems. A new development is the use of the virtually harmless coolant CO₂. For electric city buses, the global manufacturer offers the Athenia Envi roof unit, a device that functions like a heat pump. This system can produce both warm and cool air, cool the batteries and provide hot water for the convectors in the bus.

"We currently only use the coolant R 744 (CO₂) for city buses. It is an excellent coolant that works efficiently at temperatures ranging from minus 25 degrees to plus 50 degrees Celsius," says the sales director.

"In addition, R 744 is much cheaper than conventional chemical coolants. As a result of stricter legislation on the use of harmful coolants and declining demand, the price of such products has risen sharply. This development is favourable for the use of more environmentally friendly coolants."

As there are no European regulations for bus air conditioning yet, demand for the latest technology remains limited. "We have noticed that transport companies in cities and large conurbations are eagerly awaiting this technology. They are very interested." Operators should not be concerned about the cost price. A "green" climate control system costs about one and a half times the price of a conventional installation. This makes only a small difference to the total price of a bus. "We offer a reliable product and, as a global player in the truck and trailer business, we have a large network of service stations. That is an advantage we can offer our customers," concludes Ronald Aan. ■

Hall 4, stand 426



Sales manager Ronald Aan praises the Athenia ENVI cooling unit with CO₂ as a coolant.

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Cybersecurity-ready Technotrans unveils new Battery Thermal Management System (BTMS)

A premiere for battery cooling: Technotrans presents its new battery thermal management system (BTMS) zeta.trax for on-road and off-road vehicles at this year's Busworld in Brussels, in hall 11, booth 1151c. The new unit is cybersecurity-ready, fulfilling a key requirement for the type approval of new vehicle models. Thanks to its high-voltage connection, the system enables cost and complexity reductions for vehicle manufacturers. In addition, Technotrans is showcasing energy-efficient cooling solutions for charging infrastructure.

The new zeta.trax is a solution for battery-electric applications on and off-road. Thanks to the the readiness for cybersecurity requirements the unit is according to Technotrans future-proof, taking into account upcoming legal regulations. In addition to the 24-volt DC connection, the new BTMS offers the option of direct connection to the high-voltage vehicle electrical system in the voltage range of 500 to 850 volts DC. This allows vehicle man-

ufacturers to dispense with additional components for voltage conversion, resulting in reduced system complexity, installation space requirements, and overall costs.

The basic version of the new unit is designed for a cooling capacity of 6 kW but can be upscaled to meet higher performance requirements. Furthermore, the new cooling system is optionally available with a low global warming potential (low-GWP) refrigerant. Jan Kühne, Business Development Manager at Technotrans: "The cybersecurity architecture provides the necessary security for new type approvals. At the same time, we have designed the system to significantly reduce integration effort and costs for our customers."

In addition, Technotrans will be demonstrating its expertise in the field of cooling systems – passive cooling, without active compression cooling – for the power electronics of various charging infrastructures at Busworld. ■



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Reeload builds charging stations for public transport

The installation of a ready-to-use charging infrastructure for the Walloon public transport company TEC in the city of Liège will be a major project for Reeload, a Belgian company specialising in the electrification of businesses.

Reeload operates from Bornem in Flanders. Launched just five years ago, this company already has several remarkable achievements to its name. It was the first company to build the fast-charging station for public transport in the city of Luxembourg, where buses are supplied via around thirty pantographs. A new site is Mobi'Park, from the transport company TEC. It will be a site with fifty charging stations in the first phase. Later, there will be a hundred. This project is part of the major overhaul of public transport in the Liège region.

"We are starting from a bare plot of land. From the groundwork to the final completion with the necessary charging infrastructure, from the high-voltage cabin to the plug-in connector, Reeload is responsible for the entire installation. We can both supply the equipment and assist the client in designing their company site," says Dorian Van Doorslaer, sales engineer who was involved from the start of the company.

Reeload assists companies that are electrifying their fleets and installing batteries for production or energy

buffering. The company is mainly active in the Benelux region. "There's a lot involved. Fire safety, in particular, is a major issue. Most charging installations are placed outdoors. If they must be installed indoors, there are strict requirements that significantly increase the cost, such as the use of fire-resistant materials. The regulations on this are not always clear," says the sales engineer.

Maintenance is essential to ensure the proper functioning of the infrastructure. "Our strength also lies in the systematic inspection of equipment. With 35 employees, we are able to deliver fast service," adds Dorian Van Doorslaer. ■



Dorian Van Doorslaer, sales engineer at Reeload, pictured in front of the charging park in the city of Luxembourg.



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Assortment of italian pasta & pinsa
- 3** Poule et Poulette
Chicken nuggets, chicken wings and fries, soupe tom ka kai & wrap with chicken
- 4** Pico Bello
Assortment of pasta & panini
- 5** Thai Café
Thai Specialities
- 6** Be Shop 5
Mini market with sandwiches, hot dishes, soft drinks, snacks and hot beverages
- 7** Brasserie 58
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- 8** Eaters
Asian streetfood with pokéballs & banh mi
- 9** Mr. Boudin
Belgian upgrade hot-dog
- 10** Belgian Beer Bar
Belgian beers, salads, sandwiches, croques & sweets
- 11** Dim's
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- 12** Frietkot De Corte
Belgian fries & fricandel and poulycroc
- 13** Mamy
Pasta, durum, smoothies
- 14** Hot-Dog
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Fresh juices, smoothies & healthy bagels
- 16** Le Pain Quotidien
Bio sandwiches, salads, soups & sweets
- 17** Ellis Gourmet Burger
Famous burgers & fries
- 18** Be Shop 9
Mini market with sandwiches, hot dishes, soft drinks, snacks and hot beverages
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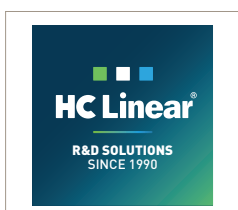
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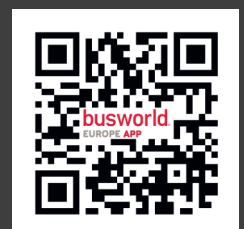
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Solaris has plans for an intercity bus

Solaris is presenting the electric Urbino 10.5 as a city bus featuring space for up to 85 passengers, designed for smaller and historic towns. Meanwhile, the Polish manufacturer is working hard on a new range of intercity buses, scheduled for release in 2026.

Solaris closed 2024 with a production of 1,525 buses, of which about 83% were zero-emission vehicles. In the first half of the year, 765 buses were sold, including 356 electric and 133 hydrogen fuel cell buses. In the same period, 1,511 new vehicles were already ordered, 90% of which were zero-emission buses. Between 2012 and 2024, Solaris ranked first in the zero-emission bus segment with a market share of 13.91%. In the sub-segment of battery-electric buses, Solaris came second, with 12.30%, just behind Mercedes-Benz.

Although Solaris is best known for its wide range of city buses between 9 and 24 metres, including three trolleybus variants, the manufacturer is now adding a 10.55-metre-long electric Urbino to its range. This model combines manoeuvrability and sta-

bility with high passenger capacity and offers a daily range of up to 600 kilometers.

In addition, the Urbino 10.5 electric is fully compatible with the entire Urbino family, particularly the 12-meter version, which translates into more efficient operation and easier maintenance for operators who use different Solaris models in their fleet.

With the Urbino 10.5 electric, Solaris is targeting transport operators that are active in smaller and historic towns. The Urbino 10.5 electric is available with either two or three doors and can accommodate up to 85 passengers, including around 30 seated passengers.

Solaris also announced that it is working hard on the development of a range of specific intercity buses measuring 10.8, 12.1 and 13.1 metres in length, in both low-floor and standard versions. The buses will be equipped with battery packs ranging from 260 to 620 kWh, while a hydrogen-powered variant is also under development. The launch of these intercity buses is planned for 2026. ■



UNVI'S C26 CONCEPT BUS

When a city ride becomes an experience

The UNVI C26 concept bus, unveiled at Busworld, received an honorable mention from the Busworld design jury. Although, not yet in production, it is a city bus that immediately invites you to step aboard.

The Spanish coachbuilder UNVI, celebrating its 30th anniversary, presents an iconic, innovative, and attractive design with its new lightweight C26 city bus. With this avant-garde concept, UNVI showcases an interior design that turns even an ordinary city ride into an experience. The Busworld jury described UNVI's proposal as an innovative approach that could make public transport more appealing to people who currently use cars.

The choice of materials, lighting, shapes, and ergonomics of the interior elements create a welcoming and attractive atmosphere inside the UNVI C26. In its assessment, the jury emphasized that it is the responsibility of the industry, operators, and manufacturers to provide more appealing public transport alternatives that can help reduce the use of private vehicles.

On the side panel, next to the front door, the route is projected, indicating the current and next stops. As soon as the doors open, you are welcomed into a lobby or lounge with pleasant, warm wall coverings and extremely atmospheric ceiling lighting. Moving into the passenger compartment, two light balloons shine overhead like chandeliers. The overall interior experience transforms a city bus journey into an experience that encourages the use of public transport.

UNVI designed the C26 as a concept bus adaptable to both low-floor and low-entry chassis from various manufacturers. The concept bus can

also be adapted for various drive systems, from diesel to gas, electric and hydrogen.

UNVI is already working with chassis manufacturers to assess its integration into offers for operators in various European markets. ■



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EBERSPÄCHER PRESENTS NEW THERMAL MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS FOR BUSES

Eberspächer, which is this year celebrating its 160 year anniversary, is exhibiting the AC138 EVO and the AC135 product family, air-conditioning systems for alternative drive technologies that utilise the natural refrigerant propane.

The series production of the AC138 EVO, which is used to air-condition the passenger compartments of city buses, has been underway since mid-2025. The all-electric platform, which uses CO2 (R744) as a refrigerant and features heat pump technology. The AC135 family is suitable for buses of all sizes, in all climate zones, and with all drive concepts.

The system has a cooling capacity ranging from 25 to 50 kW and is available for midibuses (25–27 kW), intercity buses and coaches (30–35 kW), and fully electric solutions (30–40 kW). High-

performance models (40–50 kW) and all-electric heat pumps (30–40 kW) will follow halfway through 2026. Because CO2 is less productive at higher ambient temperatures, despite its low global warming potential, from 2026 the AC138 EVO will also be compatible with the natural refrigerant propane (R290). The world's first system solution that enables the use of natural refrigerants in diesel buses is also presented at Busworld fair.

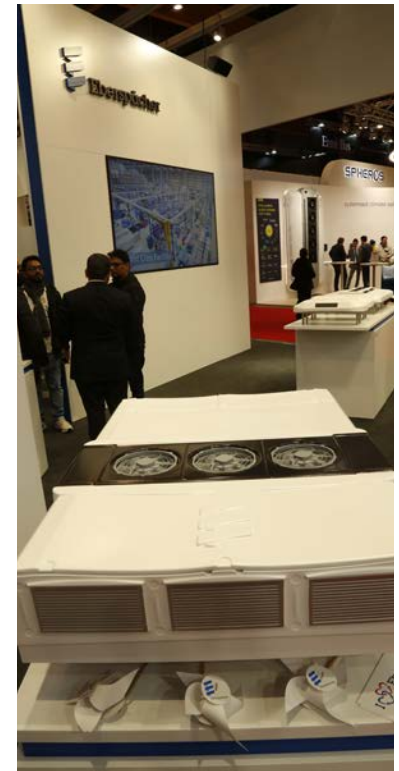
HEAT RECOVERY

The new Hydro Control System (HCS), which is designed for centralised control of all thermal processes in the bus, will also be presented by Eberspächer. The HCS network is a modular solution that integrates these units with heating and cooling circuits, utilising waste heat, to reduce the load on the battery. It has been

shown to reduce electrical energy consumption by up to 23 percent. The E-Control module is the central operating element for all the bus's thermal management components and allows the AC135 and AC138 EVO systems to be easily integrated into the e-connected digital service platform.

160 YEARS

The Eberspächer Group started 160 years ago in the German city Esslingen as Jakob Eberspächer founded a small tinsmith's workshop. Initially, Jakob Eberspächer manufactured everyday items such as watering cans and gutters. Now the company is focussing on innovations for the future "as a technology-driven company" and is entering new business areas through partnerships. ■



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BYD unveils next-generation eBus models

BYD presents its new 12- and 18-meter city buses built on the new eBus 3.0 platform. The company also introduced a chassis with a floor structure designed for a future intercity bus featuring a luggage compartment of 5.7 m³, capable of accommodating 121 travel suitcases.

Currently, more than 5,000 electric BYD buses operate in over 160 cities across 26 European countries. Over one thousand of these were manufactured at the company's site in Komárom, Hungary. Powered by BYD's self-developed, ultra-safe lithium iron phosphate (LFP) Blade Battery technology, and incorporating all the advantages of the patented eBus 3.0 platform, the BYD eBus B12.b offers European bus operators enhanced safety, energy efficiency, performance, and passenger comfort.

The high floor construction of the B12.b HF provides a spacious loading area of 5.7 m³ for stacking 121 20-inch suitcases.

Designed for commuting, intercity, and tourism applications, the B12.b HF is available with a maximum battery capacity of 495 kWh, enabling a

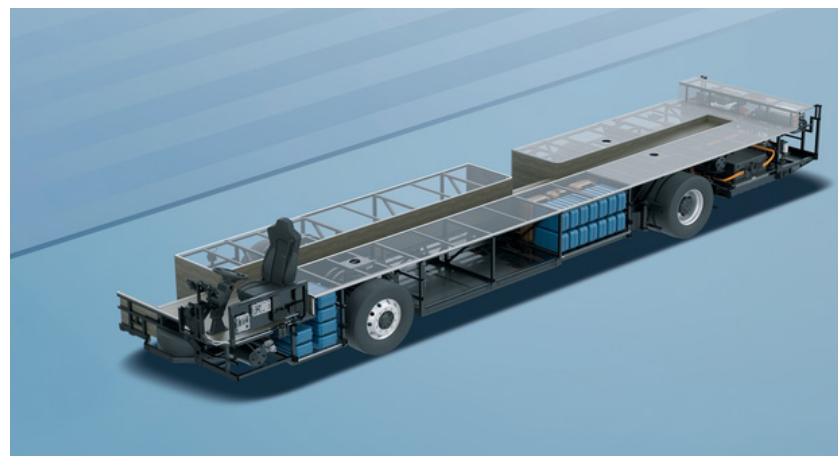
fully electric range of up to 650 km. The new, fully electric B18.b 18-metre articulated bus can accommodate up to 146 passengers, has a range of up to 630 km and offers the option of four-wheel drive.

Fully leveraging the advantages of BYD's 'Blade Battery in Chassis' technology, the B18.b sets a new benchmark in the articulated city bus segment. Its high energy density enables a maximum capacity of up to 746 kWh, delivering a range of up to 630 km.

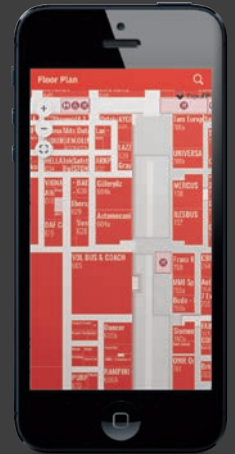
In order to meet customer demand for improved performance, traction,

and control, the optional all-wheel drive system allows the B18.b to handle steeper inclines and ensures safer, easier driving in rain, snow, ice, and rough conditions. In narrow streets, the fourth-generation articulated disc brake control unit and enhanced hydraulic damping technology significantly improve cornering stability.

An improved regenerative braking system ensures effective braking, even during prolonged downhill riding with a fully charged battery, keeping the friction brakes cooler and reducing wear. ■



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Three winners of the Sustainable Bus Awards 2026

During Busworld, the winners of the **Sustainable Bus Awards 2026** were announced. These prestigious prizes honor the most innovative and sustainable vehicles in the bus and

coach sector. The 2026 edition highlights how rapidly the bus industry is transforming: where innovation and sustainability once stood apart, they now form the core of every design.

The winners – **Solaris, Iveco, and MAN** – demonstrate that the future of mobility is not only silent, clean, and efficient, but also inspiring. An international jury of ten specialized

journalists from across Europe evaluated fourteen nominated vehicles in three categories: **Urban, Intercity, and Coach**. ■

URBAN: SOLARIS URBINO 10.5 ELECTRIC

The **SOLARIS Urbino 10.5 Electric** was awarded in the Urban category. This compact, fully electric city bus impressed the jury with its modular powertrain and sophisticated design.

With a battery capacity exceeding **400 kWh** and a **250 kW motor**, the Urbino achieves an impressive range of over 600 kilometers (according to eSORT standards), making it particularly suited for intensive urban operations.

In terms of safety, the vehicle complies with **GSR2 standards** and is ready for the integration of advanced driver assistance systems. Comfort levels are high, featuring **ECAS suspension**, a **kneeling function**, **ramps for wheelchair users**, and an exceptionally quiet interior.

Sustainability was also a priority: more than **95% of the components** are recyclable, while the structure is largely made from recycled steel. The **CO₂ heat pump** used for climate control further minimizes the ecological footprint. With this award, Solaris reaffirms its leading role in the development of zero-emission city buses.



INTERCITY: IVECO BUS CROSSWAY NF ELEC

In the Intercity category, the **IVECO BUS Crossway NF Elec** took home the prize. This model builds on the success of the popular Crossway series, of which more than **65,000 units** have been produced since 2006.

The electric version has a **central powertrain of 290 kW** and **modular NMC batteries up to 414 kWh**, giving it a range of up to 400 kilometres. Thanks to **CCS Combo 2 fast-charging technology**, it can charge efficiently at up to 240 kW.

Safety systems such as **AEBS, ESP, MOIS, BSIS, and DDAW** come standard, while the interior accommodates up to **63 passengers**. Accessibility is ensured thanks to a **wheelchair lift** and **pneumatic suspension**.

The Crossway NF Elec is built in a factory certified to **ISO 14001, 5001, 45001 and 9001 standards**, using recycled materials and energy-efficient processes.

With this award, IVECO BUS strengthens its position as a technological benchmark for sustainable regional buses.



COACH: MAN LION'S COACH 14 E

The winner in the Coach category is the **MAN Lion's Coach 14 E**, which impressed with its combination of power, efficiency, and comfort.

This touring coach features a fully electric powertrain with a **continuous power output of 330 kW** and a **battery capacity up to 534 kWh**. Depending on conditions and usage, it achieves a range of up to 650 kilometers, enabling long-distance, zero-emission travel.

In terms of safety, the bus is equipped with the **MAN driver assistance package**, including **Emergency Brake Assist Plus, Adaptive Cruise Control Stop&Go, Lane Departure Warning, OptiView mirror replacement, and MAN AttentionGuard**.

The interior offers various configurations and digital features via the **RIO platform**, elevating connectivity and passenger comfort to a new level. Furthermore, more than **95% of the components are made from recyclable materials**, produced in accordance with strict international environmental standards.

With this award, MAN confirms its position as a pioneer in sustainable long-distance travel.



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Scania launches zero-emission coaches

Scania is taking a major step towards the electrification of new market segments with the unveiling of its new high-floor battery-electric bus and coach platform at Busworld Europe. The introduction of the new BEV platform enables Scania to provide battery-electric high-floor buses and coaches for both Urban and Travel segment applications.

Perhaps most notably, the platform is being used for the company's battery-electric coaches, which have a range of up to 600 km and luggage space that is almost equal to that of combustion engine coaches – an important factor for coach companies to switch to electric vehicles.

This makes the product suitable for, for example, inter-city transport over medium distances, airport shuttles and coaches for sports teams.

SUITABLE FOR BOTH RURAL AND URBAN APPLICATIONS

In addition, the new platform can accommodate the needs of shorter inter-city operations or to build school buses or sightseeing buses that don't have the same luggage space requirements. The high-floor battery electric platform is also designed for urban applications, by offering a scalable pathway to zero-emission bus rapid transit systems used in towns and cities in regions like Africa, Asia and South America.

FLEXIBILITY IN THE PLATFORM AND CHARGING SOLUTION

The technology at the heart of the platform has been tried and tested, from e-machine to batteries, charging interface and more, and the platform is compatible with a variety of bodies. On the power side, it

offers adaptability in terms of the e-machine output with up to 330 kW, while the installed energy is up to 534 kWh (with 480 kWh of available energy). This also applies to the charging capacity, which is a maximum of 325 kW (500 A).

The launch of Scania's high-floor battery-electric platform comes at a time when transport electrification is rapidly expanding beyond purely urban applications in Europe and other markets worldwide. This is accompanied by a growing demand from coach operators for various charging solutions, depending on different operational needs.

Scania plays a key role in enabling this change with a comprehensive ecosystem of electrification services and its ability to offer complete and tailor-made charging solutions, such as smart charging, which allows operators to avoid peaks in energy costs and maintain battery performance.

This means they can benefit from predictable prices, full cost transparency and simple payment solutions. This is complemented by the user-friendly Scania Charging Access service, which opens up a growing network of public charging stations adapted for heavy commercial vehicles to operators.

"With the launch of the new high-floor BEV platform, Scania is not only introducing our first battery-electric coaches but also reinforcing our position as a trusted partner in the transition to sustainable transport," says Carl-Johan Lööf, Head of Product Management for People Transport Solutions at Scania. ■



Alfabus aims to strengthen its position in Europe

Since the establishment of Alfabus Europe in Modena, Italy, in 2017, this Chinese bus manufacturer has been seeking to raise its profile in Europe. To this end, two new buses, the ECITY L06 and the E-Intercity L13, will be on display for the first time at Busworld.

With a length of 6.4 metres and a width of 2.1 metres, the ECITY L06 can transport up to 36 passengers. This mini city bus is also equipped with a CATL BC5 battery pack with a capacity of 176 kWh, enabling a driving range of up to 320 km at a constant speed, with a maximum of 70 km/h.

The minibus was specifically developed for public transport in historic cities with narrow streets. At the stand, you will also find the ECITY L12 standard bus, which can carry up to 85 passengers. The maximum speed is also limited to 70 km/h.

The new, electrically powered E-Intercity L13 is equipped with batteries with a capacity of 528 kWh, which guarantee a range of up to 500 km at a constant speed. The 13-metre-long intercity bus has a limited maximum speed of 100 km/h and can carry up to 64 passengers. ■

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