

## Sustainable Bus Award 2018 on the stage of first Busworld Awards Night

- *Sustainable Bus Award 2018 has been delivered at Busworld Europe in Kortrijk, during the Award Night*
- *Henk Coppens and Alex De Jong of Vdl Bus & Coach, Sylvain Blaise of Iveco and Martin Biewald of Setra received the trophies*



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The curtain is falling on Busworld 2017, last edition in Kortrijk for the most important and prestigious fair of Bus & Coach field. In two years Busworld will welcome the visitors in Bruxelles. This year the fair has been enhanced with an unprecedented debut: the Awards Night set on Busworld eve. Sustainable Bus Award 2018, promoted by *Autobus* magazine together with *Mobilités Magazine* (France), *Busfahrt* (Germany) and *1BUS* (Austria), has been one of the main protagonists of the evening, with the top executives of Vdl, Iveco and Setra receiving the prizes from jurors hands. Henk Coppens and Alex De Jong, respectively Ceo and Business Manager Public Transport at Vdl Bus & Coach, received the trophies won by Citea Sifa-181 Electric in Urban category. Sylvain Blaise, Executive Vice President Iveco, Head of Global Bus Division and Ceo Iveco France climbed on stage to receive the prize to Sustainable Bus Award Intercity, delivered to Iveco Crossway Le Natural Power. Martin Biewald, Ceo Evobus Netherlands and Belgium, received the Coach prize for Setra ComfortClass S 516 Hd/2.

Below the winners with motivations.

### **Sustainable Bus Award Urban: Vdl Citea Sifa-181 Electric**

Future urban mobility will be electric. It's the shared opinion of Europe and Uitp. Vdl is the first manufacturer with a strict modular electric driveline for all models. Vdl Citea Electric range embraces 9 to 18,75 meters models. In particular, 18 meters buses are powered by Siemens electric engine capable of delivering 210 chilowatt for a peak torque of 3.800 Nm. Thanks to the lighter body now on market, Vdl Citea Sifa-181 Electric can board up to 145 passengers, a number of passenger very close to a similar diesel bus. Citea Electric can meet every operational and infrastructural need thanks to an offer that covers both pantograph and plug-in charging systems.

### **Sustainable Bus Award Intercity: Iveco Crossway Le Natural Power**

It's the first time a manufacturer proposes an intercity low entry bus with gas engine. Iveco accepts the challenge with an innovative product. Four gas tanks (over than 1.200 liter of capacity) are positioned on the front part of the roof so as not to affect the maximum height of the bus, which remains the same as diesel versions. Iveco has opted for brand new Cursor 9 Cng engine (360 hp and 1.650 Nm) and automatic transmission in order to meet different kind of needs. Thanks to the tanks big capacity, Crossway Le Natural Power promises an autonomy of more than 600 km, the same as a similar diesel bus, but with significantly reduced emissions of polluting substances. In 2017 Cnh Industrial, to whom belongs Iveco Bus, has been confirmed from seven years in a row as Industry Leader in Dow Jones Sustainability World and Europe indexes, with a score of 89/100. Furthermore, for the second time, it has been nominated Industry Group Leader among Capital Goods companies.

**Sustainable Bus Award Coach: Setra ComfortClass S516 Hd/2**

The 13 metres two axles coach represent the new standard for touristic services. Setra, with its ComfortClass S 516 Hd/2, proposes to the market a coach with high technical features. The Om 470 Euro VIc engine coupled with Mercedes Powershift (6 or 8 gears) creates a balance between comfort and low consumption. This last result relies also on Ppc (Predictive Powertrain Control) and Edf (Eco Drive Feedback) systems. About safety, Setra comes with Fcg (Front Collision Guard) and with Aba 3 (Active Brake Assist 3).

**Sustainable Bus Award**

*“Sustainable Bus Award” could be considered the outcome of Mobility Revolution Bus, the sustainability index that has been used for all vehicles presented and tested by Autobus magazine since the beginning of 2016. It is the result of a partnership between LifeGate and Autobus. The award also takes advantage of Giulio Ceppi, professor at Politecnico university in Milan, contribution.*

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