

Sustainable Bus Award 2019, 12 finalists on the way to Hannover

- Sustainable Bus Awards 2019 will be delivered at IAA Hannover, in September
- Urban finalists: Mercedes Citaro Electric, Solaris Urbino 18m Electric, Irizar ie tram, Iveco Crealis Electric 18m (powered by Skoda)
- Intercity finalists: Mercedes Citaro 2 Ü Hybrid, Irizar i4 Hybrid, Iveco Crossway 12m Le, Trouillet Mobilités S’Cool 44
- Coach finalists: Volvo 9900, Setra S 531 Dt, Man Lion’s Coach 13m, Irizar i6 13m

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The jury has issued its first verdict, twelve bus or coach models are competing for 2019 edition of Sustainable Bus Award, that will be delivered at IAA in Hannover.

Electric drives monopolize ‘Urban’ category, full of novelties, where the match will be between Mercedes Citaro Electric, articulated Urbino manufactured by Solaris Bus & Coach, ie tram by Irizar (a product built in the first plant fully dedicated to electric buses), and, last but not least, the trolleybus Crealis Electric realized by Iveco Bus in partnership with Skoda Electric.

On the other hand, hybrid buses are taking half of ‘Intercity’ shortlist: Mercedes Citaro 2 Ü Hybrid will fight against Irizar i4 Hybrid, Iveco Crossway 12m Le and the French product Trouillet Mobilités S’Cool 44.

The recently released new Volvo 9900 will compete, in ‘Coach’ category, with the double-decker Setra S 531 Dt and Man Lion’s Coach 13m. Finally, Irizar will play its cards with i6 13m.

The jury represent seven European countries. The network, indeed, consists of **Mobilités Magazine** (France), **Busfahrt** (Germany), **AUTOBUS** (Italy), **OV-Magazine** (Netherlands), **InfoBus** (Poland), **Infotrucker** (Romania), **Carril Bus** (Spain).

Now the jurors will proceed with the detailed evaluation of the vehicles shortlisted according to Sby criteria, split in the following groups: Engine, Transmission, Safety, Comfort, Sustainability. The award, that prides itself to be the first and only European award that acknowledges sustainability in the field of buses, mustn’t be considered just a prize to the ‘greener’ bus. Actually, Sustainable Bus Award is based on a cross-cutting idea of sustainability, intended as the ability to establish a positive image of the vehicle to the eyes of the general public. Several aspects can come into play, such as safety, comfort, noise, recyclability of components and the general environmental commitment of the manufacturer.

Sustainable Bus Award

Sustainable Bus Award is the first and only European award that acknowledges sustainability in the field of buses. It was launched by AUTOBUS magazine in 2016. Last edition has been delivered at Busworld Europe in 2017, during Award Night. The jury represents seven European countries: France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain.

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