

Sustainable Bus Award 2020 towards Busworld: three prizes for 9 candidates

- *Sustainable Bus Awards 2020 will be delivered at Busworld Europe (Bruxelles) on 17 October 2019*
- *Urban finalists: Heuliez GX 437 Elec, Irizar ie tram, Mercedes eCitaro*
- *Intercity finalists: Iveco Crossway Natural Power NF (Normal Floor), Scania Interlink LD LNG, Solaris Urbino 12 LE Lite Hybrid*
- *Coach finalists: Mercedes Turismo Safety Coach, Scania Interlink MD LNG, VDL Futura FHD2*

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The road is paved to the award giving ceremony of the Sustainable Bus Award 2020. The prizes will be handed over to the winners at the **gala event on 17 October 2019**, during the **eve night of Busworld Europe**, that for the first time will be held in Bruxelles after as many as 24 editions in the city of Kortrijk.

Sustainable Bus Award (www.sustainablebusoftheyear.com) is yearly delivered to three vehicles. The award is indeed split in the following categories: Urban, Intercity, Coach. Among city buses, the challenge will be between three battery electric vehicles: Mercedes eCitaro, Irizar ie tram and Heuliez GX 437 Elec.

In the 'Intercity' segment, the finalists are Scania Interlink LD LNG (fuelled with liquid natural gas), Iveco Crossway Natural Power in Normal Floor version (CNG fuelled) and, finally, the mild hybrid Solaris Urbino 12 LE Lite Hybrid. The latter is the only intercity candidate not equipped with a gas engine.

Among coaches, the Mercedes Turismo Safety Coach will face the VDL Futura FHD2 (in the new version featuring ZF Traxon) and the Scania Interlink MD LNG.

The jury represents eight European countries. The network, indeed, consists of Mobilités Magazine (**France**), Busfahrt (**Germany**), AUTOBUS (**Italy**), OV-Magazine (**Netherlands**), InfoBus (**Poland**), Infotrucker (**Romania**), Carril Bus (**Spain**) and, as a new entry, Bus and coach professional (**UK**).

The shortlist is the result of a first selection. Each juror submitted its candidates, and the vehicles that achieved more nominations (three per category) were included in the finalists list. Now the jurors will proceed with the second step, carrying out a detailed evaluation of the shortlisted vehicles according to SBY criteria. The criteria are split in the following areas: Engine, Transmission, Safety, Comfort, Sustainability.

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. Last edition has been delivered at IAA Commercial Vehicles in 2018. The jury represents eight European countries: France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain, UK. More information on www.sustainablebusoftheyear.com

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