

## Bluebus continues its international expansion with the first 12-metre bus to the STIB transit authority in Brussels



**In late 2017, STIB and Bolloré Group announced a partnership following an invitation to tender won by Bluebus. Less than a year later, STIB and Bluebus are inaugurating the arrival of the first bus in the presence of Pascal Smet, Brussels' Minister for Transport and Public Works and Brieuc de Meeûs, Chief Executive Officer of STIB.**

In June 2016, the STIB sent out an invitation to tender to electric bus manufacturers for a four-year framework agreement to supply a set of standard 12-metre electric buses. After several months of research, Bluebus (a subsidiary of Bolloré Group) was chosen to supply STIB with its 12 metre 3-door bus.

The first in a series of five Bluebuses, the bus will begin service starting 1 October on line 13. This acquisition is in line with the city of Brussels' initiative focused on energy transition and sustainable transport. By 2030, the goal is for the city to have a complete fleet of electric vehicles with various charging methods.

Brieuc de Meeûs, CEO of STIB: "This very first 100% electric standard bus is the first step towards a fleet comprised of 100% electric buses. A modern, environmentally-friendly fleet benefits riders, but it is first and foremost beneficial to air quality and quality of life in Brussels. It's a major advance towards a better city for everyone."

According to Marie Bolloré, CEO of Blue Solutions: "It is very significant and meaningful for the Group that our first 12-metre buses will be used internationally to help Brussels, the heart of Europe, advance its environmental goals. We're thrilled that STIB selected the European subsidiary and chose Bluebus. "

The Bolloré Group's electric buses are made in Quimper, in Bluebus factories that are ISO 9001 certified, and have the "Origine France Garantie" certification. Available in both 6- and 12-metre sizes, the buses are equipped with Lithium Metal Polymer (LMP®) batteries which are also made in Quimper in the group's Blue Solutions factories. Made up of French cells, this battery is the only one of its kind in the world and also has the "Origine France Garantie" certification. It does not contain solvents, cobalts or rare earths. As a clean and quiet public transit solution for urban and suburban areas, the Bluebus range is environmentally-friendly and combines cutting-edge technology, design and performance.

These five buses will join the 270 100% electric Bluebuses that are used throughout the world.

### **About Blue Solutions:**

Publicly traded since October 30, 2013, Blue Solutions is the company that manages the electrical storage operations developed by the Bolloré group. By diversifying its historical business of producing paper and ultrathin plastic film, the Bolloré group has become a producer of complete electrical components for capacitors, and now holds over one-third of the global market. With this expertise and 20 years of R&D, the group has engineered electrical storage solutions and batteries that rely on a unique technology, the LMP® (Lithium Metal Polymer) battery as well as supercapacitor technology. The batteries are employed both in mobile applications (electric vehicles) as well as stationary ones (storing electricity for individuals, businesses, local governments, etc.) developed and sold by other group entities through Blue Applications, which since 2011 has been rapidly growing on every continent. [www.blue-solutions.com](http://www.blue-solutions.com)

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