

## PRESS RELEASE

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# Keolis awarded new contract in Norway to operate fossil free buses in Bergen

- **The 9½ year bus contract will see Keolis operating a fleet that runs on 100% renewable energy, consisting of 136 mainly electric buses.**
- **Synergies between the new bus operation and Keolis' light rail network will offer passengers a more integrated mobility offer.**
- **Keolis' track record in operating worldwide bus networks and light rail guarantees a solid expertise base for Bergen's public transport users.**

**27 June 2019** - Keolis' subsidiary in Norway was awarded its first bus network by Skyss, the public transport authority of Bergen, to operate a 9½ year contract in the centre and west side of the city. The €333M contract, which comes into effect on 1 December 2020, concerns a fleet of 136 mainly electric buses that run on 100% renewable energy. The buses will contribute to improved quality of life to the nearly 300,000 inhabitants of Bergen.

With this new contract, Keolis reinforces its presence in Norway, where it already operates the Bergen light rail network.

Bernard Tabary, CEO International of Keolis Group said: *"We are delighted that Skyss has entrusted us to run the Bergen bus network and we are looking forward to a close collaboration. Winning this contract gives us the opportunity to create synergies between our Bergen light rail network and the new bus operation and to offer our passengers a more integrated mobility offer. The 100% fossil free bus fleet will enhance Bergen's quality of life appeal ever further."*

In total, the whole fleet is expected to run a total of 5.7 million kilometres and carry 17 million passengers annually.

The successful operation of the Bergen's light rail, coupled with the Keolis Group's expertise gained through its many bus operations around the world, provides a solid base for running Bergen's bus network.

### Keolis reinforces its presence in Norway

Keolis has been present in Norway since 2010. With this new contract, its presence in the country will increase to around 500 employees. Keolis operates the Bergen light rail network since 2010, which is 20 kilometres long and counts 28 trams. The contract was recently renewed for another eight years and now includes maintenance in addition to operations. The success of this light rail network has encouraged the public transport authority to develop plans for further expansions, with firm plans for a northern line and a new extension

to the western line due to open in 2022. Between 12 and 14 new trams will be added to the network.

## 2019 – a key year for electro-mobility for Keolis, both in France and internationally

As a committed actor in the transition to greener energies, Keolis is working with public transport authorities and passengers to promote a more sustainable form of mobility.

In addition to the 100% fossil free buses in Bergen, Keolis is leading several electro-mobility projects in France and internationally. In France, Keolis has just launched the first electric Bus Rapid Transit service in Amiens and is preparing to launch the fully-electric BRT in Bayonne-Biarritz-Anglet, the hydrogen-powered BRT in Pau<sup>1</sup> and the Caen tram system, which will all be brought into service over the next few months. As a result, 2019 sees Keolis due to become the operator with the highest number of fully electric transport networks in France.

Internationally, Keolis is also spearheading numerous electro-mobility projects. In addition to its fleet of electric vehicles in Sweden and the Netherlands, the Group will soon be operating the second largest electric vehicle fleet on the East Coast of the United States. After beginning operations in January 2019 in Greensboro in North Carolina, Keolis launched the state's first fully electric bus route in February in the shift to what will become a full fleet of 43 fully electric buses. On the West Coast in Los Angeles, Foothill Transit selected the Group to operate its network of 147 buses, including 14 electric ones, with plan for a fully electric fleet by 2030. In Canada in December 2018, Keolis became North America's largest operator of fully electric type-C school buses.

## Bergen bus contract – key figures:

- **9½ year** bus contract
- **€333M** contract
- **136 fossil free buses**
- **5.7 million km** annually
- **17 million passengers** annually
- **340 new employees**

### About Keolis

Leading the way in public transport, Keolis partners with public decision makers to make shared mobility an asset for cities and their communities. Internationally recognised as the leading operator of trams and automated metros, Keolis adopts an innovative approach with all its partners and subsidiaries (Kisio, LeCab, EFFIA, Keolis Santé and Cykleo) to develop new forms of shared and customised mobility, and reinforce its core business across a range of transport modes including trains, buses, coaches, trolleybuses, shared private hire vehicles, river shuttles, ferries, cycles, car sharing services, electric autonomous vehicles and urban cable cars. In France, Keolis is now the leader in medical transport services through the creation of Keolis Santé in July 2017 and positioned as the number two car park operator, through its subsidiary EFFIA. The company is 70% owned by SNCF and 30% by the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ). Keolis employs 65,000 people in 16 countries\* and recorded revenue of 5.9 billion euros in 2018. Each year, over 3 billion passengers worldwide use one of the shared mobility services offered by Keolis. [www.keolis.com](http://www.keolis.com)

*\*Historically based in France, Keolis has expanded its operations in Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Germany, India, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands, Qatar, Senegal, Sweden, the UK and the USA.*

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