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Gothenburg's new electric bus route wins European sustainability prize

The 55 electric bus route (ElectriCity) in Gothenburg, Sweden has been awarded the European Solar Prize 2015 for being the best example of sustainable public transport operated using renewable energy. This prize is awarded to European sustainability projects in a number of different areas.

“We need to make the transition in the transport sector if we are going to succeed in creating an environmentally sustainable society. Having a sustainable public transport system is a key component in this. The ElectriCity project and the 55 electric bus route are an excellent example of cooperation among the commercial, academic and political worlds. It is extremely gratifying that this is being highlighted on a European stage,” says Lotta Brändström, managing director of Göteborg Energi.

“It is important for the city of Gothenburg to contribute to sustainable development and to be involved in and produce services which improve and simplify the lives of our citizens. The quiet, exhaust-free electric buses offer new opportunities and improved services for the city and our passengers, such as stops indoors and an on-board Wi-Fi facility. The ElectriCity project gives Volvo the opportunity to try out new technology in practice and Gothenburg the chance to be involved in and devise future solutions for the benefit of society,” says Elif Koman André, sustainability manager at Göteborgs Stadshus AB.

The European Solar Prize 2015 is awarded by the European Association for Renewable Energy, EUROSOLAR, to projects which aim, in an exemplary way, to raise public awareness about one of the most important challenges of our time: energy transition to a sustainable society.

This year's prize in the *Transport and Mobility* category is going to ElectriCity for the following reason: “Exemplary supply of public transport with renewable energy as part of a cooperation between city and science”.

About ElectriCity:

ElectriCity is a collaboration between research, industry and society where new sustainable public transport solutions for the future are developed, demonstrated and evaluated. The partners involved in this cooperation are the Volvo Group, Göteborg Energi, Region Västra Götaland, Västrafik, the City of Gothenburg, Chalmers University of Technology, the Swedish Energy Agency, Johanneberg Science Park,



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