

# Going Electric – A Pathway to zero emission buses

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..advance solutions for sustainable urban mobility systems



### Available at:

EBRD infrastructure policy series (Going Electric-#16)

https://www.ebrd.com/infrastructure/infrastructure-client-support.html

Policy paper "Going Electric- A Pathway to Zero Emission Buses"

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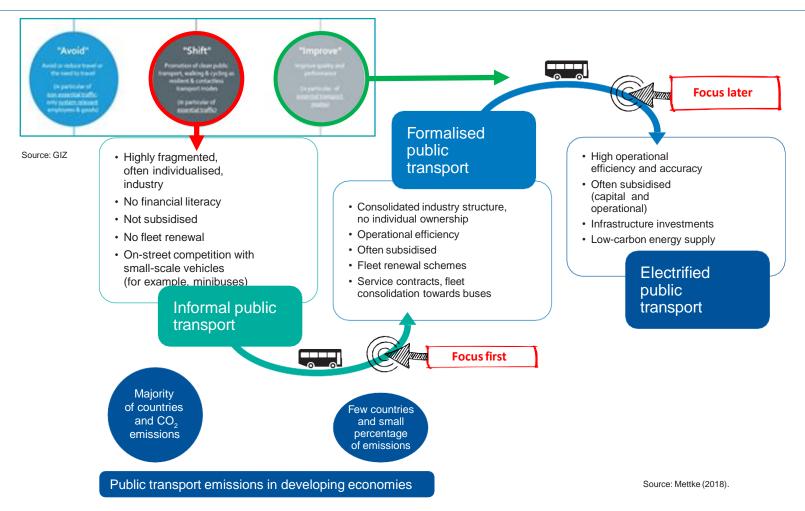


## ..on a pathway to electric









"Policy is what you spend your money on"

# E-bus from wire to battery Policy to investment support







		Policy paper "Going electric"				
Diesel or clean gas (CNG)	Hybrid diesel or CNG	Plug-in hybrid	Battery electric bus	Hybrid or battery trolleybus	Trolleybus	Fuel cell hydrogen
Meets latest Euro VI standards  CNG bus as mature alternative technology (biogas compatible)	On-board diesel generator battery pack to allow balancing of engine load No plug-in capability	Able to operate on battery for substantial period  Can be recharged externally as well as by on-board diesel engine	No on-board generator All power sourced from on-board batteries	Battery bus charged by trolley wires	No or limited battery pack  Batteries used for short distance manoeuvring in depots and at terminals only	Electric bus with power generated on board by fuel cell Unconstrained daily range



#### Skopje, North Macedonia (in service 2020)

- 35 low entry CNG buses
- Supplier: MAN (Germany)
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system under development

#### Batumi, Georgia (delivered Dec 2020)

- 8 low-entry battery electric midi-buses, depot charging
- Grant support from E5P (Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership (E5P) fund
- Supplier:
   Belkommunash
   (Belarus)

#### Sofia, Bulgaria (delivered 2020)

- 15 low-floor electric buses with fastchargers (ultracapacitor), 6 charging stations
- Concessional loan with support from Green Energy Special Fund (GESF), Taipei-China
- Supplier Higer-Aowei (Bulgaria/China)

#### Dushanbe, Tajikistan (in service May 2019)

- 4 low-floor extended range, battery trolleybus
- Investment grant from EBRD (early transition country)
- Supplier
   Belkommunash
   (Belarus)

## Balti, Moldova (in service April 2021)

- 11 extended range, battery trolleybus
- Grant support from E5P (Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership (E5P) fund
- Supplier TORHOVYI DIM «LITAN» (Ukraine)

## Why choose e-bus?







#### Renewable energy

- · Scale and pace of renewable energy deployment (notably solar, wind)
- Grid
- Energy markets (ability for net metering, wheeling, and so on)
- Presence of marketbased energy providers (especially private utilities)

- · Paris Agreement
- city and/or region
- Formalisation/reform of bus operators to enable investment
- (such as low-emission

#### **Technology**

- Bus development
- Battery improvements
- · Availability of street charging infrastructure (for example, trolleybuses, trams)

#### **Policy** priorities

- EC Clean Vehicles Directive
- Reducing local air pollution
- Cutting greenhouse gases
- · Reducing noise

#### Market economics

- Market price, availability and structure of diesel, CNG and electric energy
- Maturity of supply chain industry
- · Local skills and industrial base (bus technologies)

#### Legislation

- · Regional, national,
- Access restriction policies zones (LEZ) and ultra LEZ)

## e-bus adoption

#### Tax policy

- Higher taxes fossil fuels
- Lower taxes electricity
- Capital subsidies zero-emission vehicles

Source: TIL analysis for the

EBRD. Note: Schematic shows motivations and enablers for the use of e-buses, in schemes studied by TIL.

# **POLL #1** - what are the main barriers to e-bus deployment?







## 2. Renewable energy

- High grid emissionslow CO2 impact
- Lack of renewable energy sources
- Unregulated energy market (net metering, wheeling)

#### 3. Technology

- Lack of familiarity with electric bus performance
- Risks of battery replacement costs, second life/recycling

## 4. Operational constraints

- \* Range, terrain
- Grid connection/ capacity
- Lack of on-street charging options
- Extreme climate

## 5. Market economics

- High total cost of ownership (lifetime costs)
- High electricity tariff, connection costs
- Lack of local supply chain-upskilling needs

#### 1. Legislation

- Unregulated bus market, weak service contracts
- Lack of enforcement (vehicle, pollution standards..)

# Barriers to e-bus adoption

#### 6. Tax policy

- Lack of capex support for upfront costs (bus purchase)
- Low fuel tax on fossil fuels (CNG-diesel)

For the poll- select your <u>top 3 choices</u> for your city-country-business sector

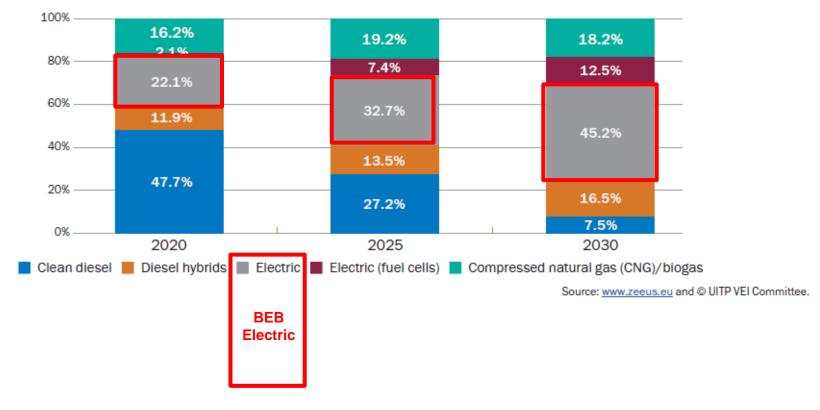








Figure 1. Propulsion systems by year – UITP forecast (European markets)

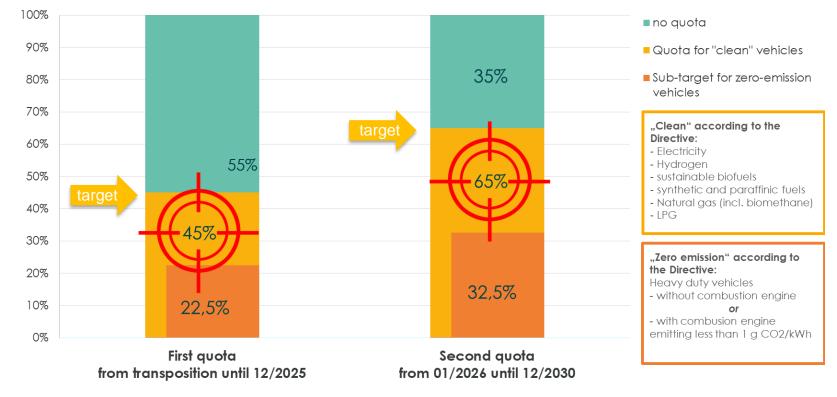


# Clean Vehicles Directive: Mandatory quotas for public procurement









Source: UITP based on CVD

▶ Illustration of the maximum mandatory procurement quotas (applicable for: LU, SE, DK, DE, NL, AT, BE, IT, IE, ES, CY, MT; lower quotas apply for remaining Member States)

## EU Clean Bus Deployment Initiative







Launched in 2017 to speed up the introduction of clean buses across Europe.

Elements for the scale up:

- Policy framework
- Financial & funding framework
- Exchange of best practices and knowledge

The Clean Bus Europe Platform is the strategic line of action to develop, implement and support the transition towards clean bus fleets.



House of the Regions, Brussels (BE)













www.cleanbusplatform.eu

## Factors to consider for e-bus selection







Table 13. Factors to consider in defining the organisational framework and financing regime for e-buses

	Issue	Commentary
	Power and charging	The deployment of electric buses will require large scale investments in infrastructure for bus charging, power distribution and bus depot reconstruction, as well as new bus fleets. A well-planned, scalable roll out programme, delivered via project management, will be needed and cities should make or act on commitments to transition to e-buses.
15 > 20 > 25 years?	Asset life uncertainty	Electric buses may have longer economic lives than the diesel buses they replace, as will some power equipment. This life may not be aligned to the operating concession period.
	Battery replacement funding	Bus batteries will require repeated replacement during the life cycle of the bus and charging assets. (In 2020, battery life was typically 5-8 years and bus life 15+ years.) Given the rapid development of this technology, it is possible that battery life and efficiency will continue to improve significantly in terms of weight, range, life and cost.
	Operating transition costs	Investment in operating expenditure (opex) will be needed for a smooth transition from diesel, covering staff training, retraining and familiarisation for drivers, bus maintenance teams and other staff.
	Governance and funding structure	For all these reasons, it is desirable that any investment in electric buses is undertaken within the context of a strong and contractualised governance structure, with market stakeholders that are capable of delivering policy objectives and ensure the sustainability of the investment.
15 > 20 > 25 years?	Strategy Contractualisation Funding	This is likely to embrace:  • setting defined transport policy and financial objectives for the transport authority  • defining operational and contractual obligations of the PTO(s) (which may be a division of the PTA) and/or private operators  • defining the duration of the operating rights, which should be consistent with the investment proposed in the electric bus fleet and the conversion works that may be funded.
	Political framework  Long-term funding  Stable operating regime	The reformed structure is likely to cover topics such as:  • exclusive operating rights  • regulation of timetables and bus network  • vehicles required – number, capacity, emissions standard, average or maximum age, and so on  • asset lives and replacement obligations  • subsidies and subventions payable  • asset ownership and charging regimes  • who holds vehicle and equipment RV and on which balance sheet do they sit.  Contractual models should, therefore, clearly define the responsibilities and roles of each party, allocating risks where handled best and reinforcing cooperation amongst the parties.  When possible, early involvement of different parties is strongly recommended.

Source: TIL analysis for the EBRD.

## Charging infrastructure aspects







line end





hub

Diesel bus parking plan (12 buses)



Electric bus parking plan (same area only takes nine buses - assuming depot charging)





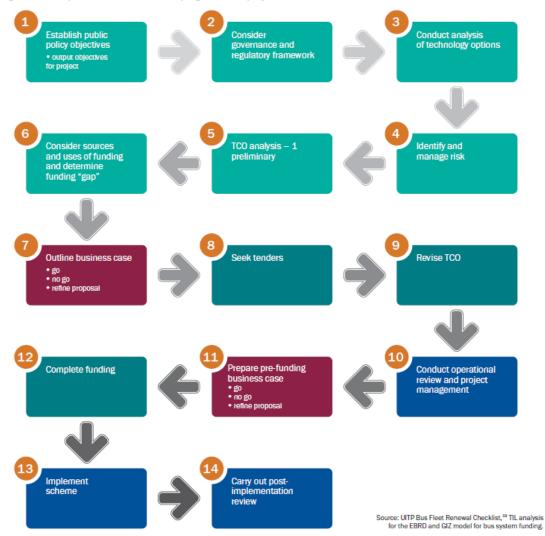
## shared concept











## POLL #2 – Topics you need for future webinars?







#### WHICH TOPICS DO YOU FIND MOST RELEVANT FOR FUTURE WEBINARS?

- Current state of e-bus deployment and market watch e-bus product
- Setting scheme objectives for e-bus projects
- Choosing the right e-bus technology option- planning, development and procurement
- e-Bus operations and total cost of ownership
- Battery chemistry and battery technology market, behaviour, circularity
- Funding models- from battery lifecycle to green funds

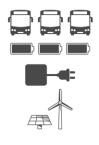


## e-buses have large economic impacts and high up-front costs

















Upfront capital costs x2 – x3 higher

Total cost of
Ownership
approaching parity
with diesel

Assets may last longer

Are batteries a capital item or revenue item?

Buses

Fiscal regime

Less vibration

Experience with

trolleybuses

Allocate risk

Batteries

Capital grants

Fewer moving parts in drivetrain

P&L and balance sheet

Chargers

Operating grants

Disposal and recycling

**Grid connections** 

Asset life

Life

(transition costs – eg training + redundancy)

Operating costs

Replacement cost

Biggest economic change in bus technology since end of horse buses in 1910

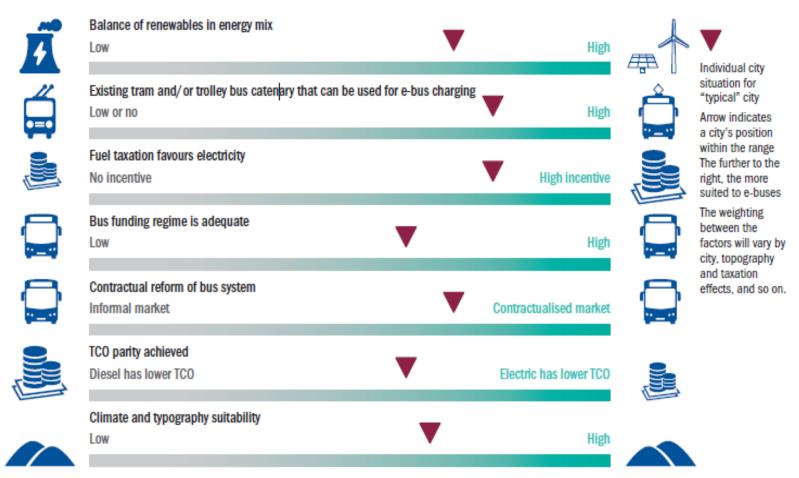
## Factors affecting TCO







Figure 10. Factors favouring e-bus TCO outcomes



Source: TIL analysis for the EBRD.

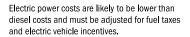
# UK like for like diesel vs e-bus achieves TCO parity







Figure 12. Comparison of TCO between Euro VI diesel and e-bus (UK assumptions)<sup>21</sup>



Consumption rates will be heavily affected by local topography and heating/cooling requirements.

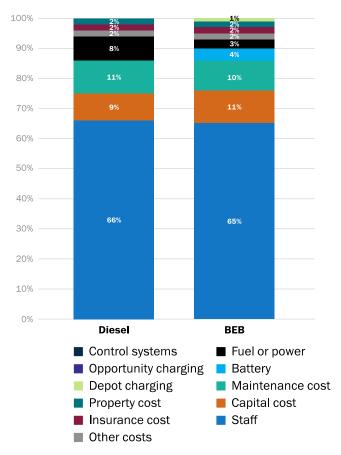
Maintenance costs for e-buses can be 5-30 per cent lower, depending on local assumptions,

E-bus capital costs are higher for e-buses, because of the higher unit costs of the buses and equipment. These costs reduce if asset lives can be extended.

Labour costs remain the dominant cost element.

These costs are affected by the potential impact of charging time on driver labour costs.

However, they may benefit from reductions in engineering labour hours.



E-bus has lower fuel / power cost

E-bus has lower maintenance

E-bus has higher capital

Small changes in labour costs - Driven by charging strategy

Source: TIL analysis for the EBRD.

UK subsidy regime assists e-bus, and power costs much lower than diesel post tax

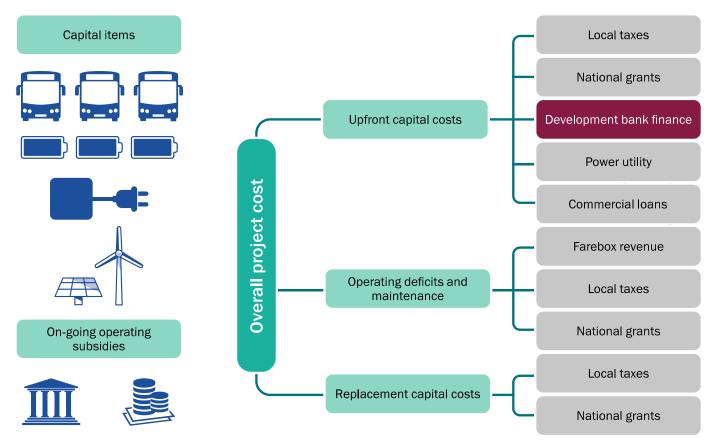
## e-bus schemes require a 'sources and uses of funds' approach







Figure 13. Sources and use-of-funds analysis



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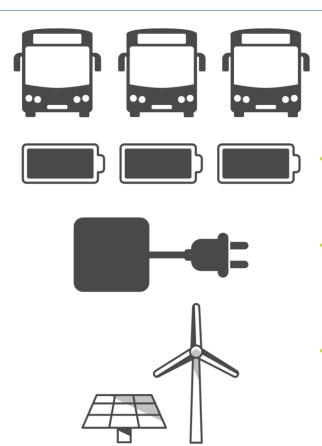
Scheme funding must consider whole life of assets which can be 15-20 years

## Financing and warranties must be considered for all asset classes









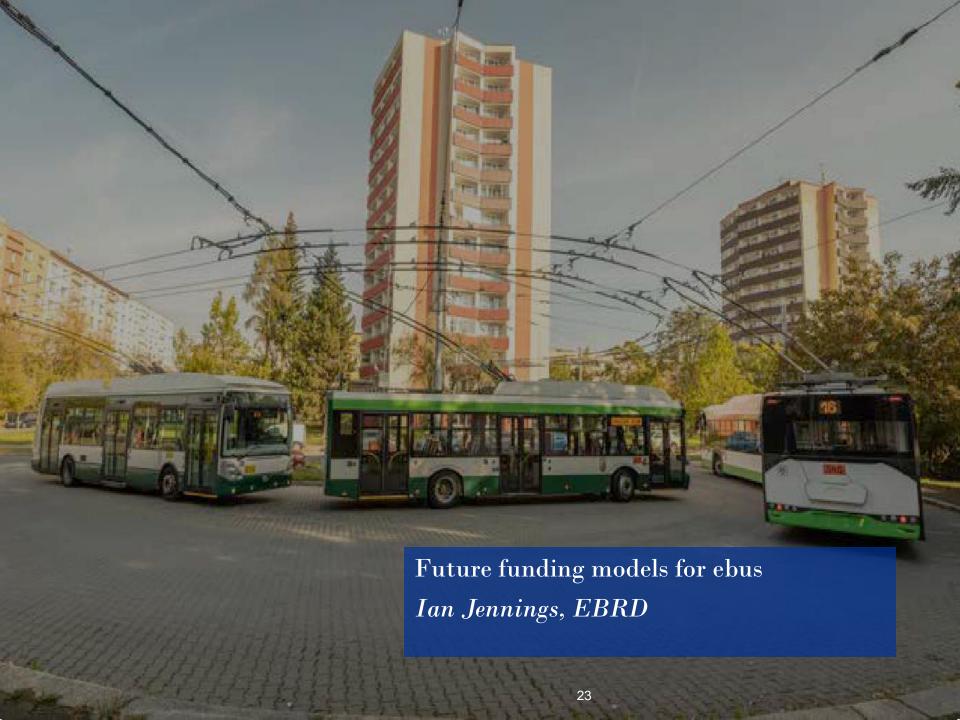
15-20 year life Manufacturers and banks offering RV guarantees May require contract maintenance And or long warranties RV guarantees?

5-8 year life Extending life Must be safely recycled and disposed Second life opportunity

Charging equipment Long life High and variable cost May require contract maintenance And or long warranties

Incremental renewable capacity

Long warranties and 'battery as a service' are key considerations and becoming available









## New funding models are emerging..

### Why should they be considered?

- High upfront cost of electric vehicles, charging infrastructure
- Current battery-related costs up to 30%-50% of the bus lifecycle costs, including battery replacement cost during bus life
- Electric battery operation requires optimisation of electricity supply, smart charging and use of renewables, on and off-site
- Lifecycle approach enables better risk allocation and management by the party best able to manage risks, costs and uncertainties
- Capture of asset residual values (battery second life, recycling)

# POLL# 3: Which funding models will be dominant in 10 years time?





Component		Standard purchase	Standard purchase + extended warranty	Standard purchase + service agreement	Battery as a Service (BaaS)	Utility funded
Purchaser		РТО	РТО	РТО	РТО	Utility
	Bus supply					
	Battery supply					
	Charging supply	Possik	ly, separate	supplier		
	Battery replacement			Possibly, separate		
	Battery service			service contract		
#	Charging service					
	Legend	Main supplier	Optional	Leasing contract		

## Thank you























Policy paper "Going Electric- A Pathway to Zero Emission Buses" https://www.ebrd.com/infrastructure/going-electric.pdf

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