

## **OUIBUS, SNCF's coach transport company trusts in Irizar when acquiring 40 units of Irizar i6 model coaches**

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**Another 36 units must be added to this quantity for different partner companies of OUIBUS that operate in France, with the total therefore rising to 76 units.**

In anticipation of the liberalisation of the coach market in France, OUIBUS have directly acquired 40 units of the Irizar i6 model to strengthen its fleet and which are planned for delivery at the end of this year.

OUIBUS, a subsidiary of SNCF Group, offers coach trips with a high level of comfort as well as services in France and Europe. The company has opted for the Irizar i6 as it is the vehicle that best adapts to its needs.

The Irizar i6 is 14 metres in length and has 57 seats. It boasts a design that enables it to achieve maximum levels of ergonomics and comfort to offer high quality service. The vehicles are manufactured attending to the standard equipment required by the firm and will have an important amount of leisure and entertainment equipment with 220V, USB outlets and on-board Wi-Fi. In addition, they have real time information aimed at travellers on screens distributed throughout the vehicles.

### ***Safety, Service and Technology***

The Irizar i6 is a high end coach ideal for regular and occasional services. It stands out for its features, design, aerodynamics, careful details and comfort. Thanks to its features, this Irizar model is unmistakable: it includes the latest technology and it is safe, reliable and economic. Recently the delivery of unit number 2000, which was produced at Spanish headquarters, was announced, in addition to the more than 2000 i6 units sold from the rest of Irizar production facilities.

This is a vehicle that combines all of the values that are a priority for OUIBUS: safety, comfort, reliability, respect for the environment, cost-effectiveness and design. Thanks to these characteristics, the Irizar i6 is the perfect vehicle for long distance lines.

These coaches will be equipped with all the active and passive safety systems: ACC AEBS, as well as the LDW and fatigue detection (DFW) systems by DATIK, a company belonging to the Irizar Group.

With the purchase of these 76 new Irizar coaches, the company's fleet and that of its partners is completed. Numerous vehicles of other constructors should also be added to this number.



Therefore, OUIBUS continues with its expansion strategy in Europe and positions itself as one of this sector's leaders in France following the liberalisation of the market, which took place this year.

## ***Irizar Autocars – Irizar Group***

Irizar Autocars, founded in 2011 and 100% owned by Irizar focuses its activity on the sales and after-sales service of Irizar coaches. Its facilities, located in Tours, consist of sales offices, as well as repair facility and the logistics centre of the entire Irizar authorized service network. It will also manage the "repair & maintenance" of all these units.

Commitment to quality and being close to its clients has made Irizar Autocars a Premium reference in France, where it can offer the client better products and services for their specific needs.

Irizar is currently a leading business group in the bus and coach sector and the undisputed reference in the electronic, communications (ITS solutions), rotating machinery and components sectors, as well as in equipment for the railway sector.

Comprised of more than 2,600 employees, it carries out its activity through its five coach and bus production plants (Spain, Morocco, Brazil, Mexico and South Africa) and its five companies involved in different sectors in Spain, as a result of its industrial diversification policy, in addition to its own R&D Centre, which focuses on the long-term in the applied research process and technological development of its own products and systems.

With a sales figure above 500 million Euros per year, it is a solid group with commercial presence in more than 90 countries on the five continents.

The central plant is located in the town of Ormaiztegi in Gipuzkoa (Spain), where Creatio, the Irizar Group Research and Development Centre is also located.

Founded in 1889, with more than 125 years of history and stronger and younger than ever, Irizar is now a strong Group, geographically and industrially diversified in continuous growth; it is decidedly committed to the brand, technology and sustainability, with its own products not only in electric coaches and buses but also in the other products in the sectors in which it operates.



## About OUIBUS

OUIBUS is a new subsidiary of SNCF in the midst of growth. Specialising in mobility, its objective is to facilitate transport and enable its users to enjoy improved travel and greater comfort as many times as they wish. Travelling with OUIBUS is synonymous with choosing comfort, services, safety and competitive prices, even at the last minute. OUIBUS has become the leading coach transport company in France and Europe. Its drivers will accompany travellers on the 130 routes available, among which are 85 new lines that will be in operation before 2016. Travellers can book tickets on the websites [ouibus.com](http://ouibus.com) and [voyages-sncf.com](http://voyages-sncf.com) for the national and international distribution networks and will have the option to pay in cash. Alternatively, they can book tickets by telephone (+33 0892 68 00 68, from Monday to Saturday, 8.30am to 8pm – calls cost €0.40/min).