

## **EMT Valencia trials Irizar i2 until the end of July**

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The 100% electric Irizar i2e bus will operate on different lines in the city of Valencia in order to assess its feasibility. This will be the first time that the EMT has trialled this type of bus

The Irizar i2e will be incorporated into the EMT's regular lines on 22 June where it will be tested until the end of July in order to see how it performs in regular service. This agreement forms part of the Municipal Transport Company's (*Empresa Municipal de Transportes - EMT*) commitment to sustainability and the utmost respect for the environment.

The president of the EMT, Giuseppe Grezzi, pointed out that *"this is the first time that the EMT will have trialled an electric bus"* and emphasised that *"we are now trying to make up for lost time following years during which public transport was neglected"*.

For his part, the Managing Director of the EMT, Josep Enric Garcia, has stated that one of his priorities is to renew the fleet and to do so with the technology that is least harmful to the environment. *"We're running the numbers on what it would cost to include an electric or hybrid bus in the fleet renewal which we will be undertaking this year for the first time in years"*, he stated.

Hector Olabe, Director of Irizar e-mobility, was pleased with the project, saying *"we are really delighted to see our bus operating in an increasing number of cities. In the case of Valencia, it will be relevant and positive for us to be able to assess how the climate control system operates and its impact on the bus's energy consumption"*.