

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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## **Transdev selected to bid for the operation of scheduled bus services in Malta**

The Innovation and Development Division of the Transdev Group has announced that the Transdev Plus consortium will be invited to tender for the exclusive operation of scheduled bus services in Malta over 10 years.

The tender is a major component of the government of Malta's Public Transport Reform. This ambitious project aims at creating an integrated and modern service, radically different from the present system.

Planned improvements include new routes, state-of-the-art passenger information and ticketing systems, improved working conditions for the drivers and a significant reduction of the emission level of the vehicles. The successful bidder will be required to procure over a hundred new low-emission buses and maintain the bus fleet.

To create this consortium, Transdev has partnered with three Maltese companies: CVA technology – an IT company that successfully operates the Valetta congestion charge scheme –, Leo Grech – owner of Paramount Garages, one of Malta's private bus and coach operators –, and the local family group Gasan.

Joël Lebreton, Chairman and CEO of the Transdev Group: *"We are very grateful to the Malta Transport Authority for this chance to participate in this very important bid. We will combine the local knowledge of our Maltese partners with Transdev's international experience to develop a proposal that fully responds to the ambitious Public Transport Reform launched by the Government of Malta. I believe that Transdev is well placed to manage this profound change because, as subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts, we have a long history of close cooperation with public authorities and know how to develop and improve existing networks".*

### **About the Transdev Group**

- Transdev, subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts, is the 4th largest private operator of public transport in Europe.
- The Transdev Group is one of Europe's largest public transport operators and operates 200 subsidiaries.
- In the UK, Transdev manages urban networks of major metropolitan areas on behalf of local transport authorities, such as London and Nottingham. It owns and runs London United, London Sovereign, Transdev Yellow Buses in Bournemouth and Blazefield. It is also a shareholder of Nottingham City Transport. Transdev's companies have won a number of awards.
- With 12 tramway networks (Grenoble, Madrid, Melbourne, Montpellier, Mulhouse, Nantes, Nottingham, Orléans, Strasbourg, Tenerife, Utrecht and Valenciennes), 2 new networks under construction (Edinburgh, Reims), and 2 metros in operation (Porto, Genoa), Transdev is a world leader on this market.
- Present in 9 countries and on 3 continents, in Europe and in Canada and Australia, Transdev provides transport to more than 2 billion passengers a year.

- The Group manages a fleet of more than 20,000 vehicles, including 16,000 coaches and buses, 1,000 tramways, 90 metro units, 30 trains, 110 trolleys, 50 river shuttles and 4,000 demand-responsive vehicles, a market on which Transdev is the European leader.
- Transdev employs over 46,000 people and managed a turnover of 3.3 billion Euros in 2008.
- Transdev relies on its global transport chain and its unparalleled experience of public-private partnerships to support local authorities with their projects.