

First 100% electric bus line in Paris begins operation (France)

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The transport operators for the French capital and the wider Île-de-France region have launched the first fully-electric bus line in Paris.

Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens (RATP) and Syndicat des transports d'Île-de-France (STIF) inaugurated the first fully-electric bus to operate on the 341 line, which runs from Charles de Gaulle train station to Porte de Clignancourt.

By the end of the year a total of 23 of the buses will operate on the route. The buses are standard 12-metre models manufactured by Bolloré. The route will not only serve central Paris, but also two other municipalities in the north of the greater Paris region, Clichy and Saint-Ouen.

The initiative was also supported by the EU-funded ZeEUS project (<http://zeelus.eu/>), which aims to increase the use of electric buses in large European cities.

Elisabeth Borne, President and Director-General of RATP, said: 'The arrival of the first fully-electric bus represents a key step in RATP's energy transition and shows that other long-term alternatives already exist to confront current environmental concerns.'

For more information, visit read a press release from RATP (http://www.ratp.fr/fr/upload/docs/application/pdf/2016-05/cp_def.pdf) (in French).

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