

## **Transdev renews public transport concession in HWGO** (Hoeksche Waard and Goeree-Overflakkee - South Holland, Netherlands)

**Issy-les-Moulineaux (France), November 20, 2024** | On November 5, 2024, the Province of South Holland has chosen to continue for 13 years – until the end of 2038 – with Transdev for the new transport concession of the Hoeksche Waard and Goeree-Overflakkee (HWGO) municipalities, starting December 14, 2025.

In particular, the new concession includes significant service improvements, with 20% more public transport offer in 2028 compared to today, with extended working hours (start, end) and increased frequencies.

True to its long-term commitment, Transdev will be starting the new concession contract immediately with a fleet composed of 100% zero emission buses. The new buses will also offer extra comfort with, among other features, individual seat heating and charging points for smartphones.

"We are grateful for the Province executives to have confirmed their confidence in Transdev," stated Antoine Grange, CEO Europe of Transdev Group. "With this renewal in HWGO, Transdev continues on its successful development track in the Netherlands and our continued push for zero emission public transport solutions, which Transdev has been pioneering in the country since 2017".

"This is an important step forward for public transport on both South Holland islands", said Frederik Zevenbergen regional minister for transportation of the province of South Holland. "We are turning around the trend in public transportation. We are going to reach the smallest villages, even localities that currently have no public transport."

The HWGO concession includes all bus transport in the municipalities of Hoeksche Waard and Goeree-Overflakkee, as well as bus services between these municipalities and Rotterdam, Dordrecht, Barendrecht, Hellevoetsluis-Spijkenisse, Renesse and Willemstad. The current concession is operated by Connexxion, and carries some 4 million passengers per year, with a total fleet of 89 buses, of which 20 are Solaris zero emission hydrogen fuel-cell powered electric buses. From day one of the new concession next year, the network brand name will however change from Connexxion to Transdev.

[From November 5, 2024, unsuccessful applicants for the new HWGO concession award have the opportunity to file objections during a period of six weeks.]

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<u>Note:</u> At the end of 2023, Transdev operated in the Netherlands a zero emission fleet composed of 1,071 vehicles, of which 525 electric buses, 500 taxis and 40 trolleybuses.