

Five Hydrogen Fuel Cell Buses Begin Operating in Norway

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Five hydrogen-fuelled fuel cell buses entered full-time operation on Oslo and Akershus' line 81 route on Wednesday. The buses, which are part of the EU CHIC project (Clean Hydrogen In European Cities) will be fuelled by an Air Liquide station and operated by local transit company Ruter; they will serve alongside (and act as) conventional buses. Ruter is aiming to be climate-neutral by 2020 and believes fuel cell buses are important in achieving this goal.

The Van Hool buses were formally introduced at a launch hosted by The County Mayor of Arkeshus County, Nils Aage Jegstad. Also in attendance were Oslo's Vice Mayor for Environment and Transport, Ola Elvestuen, Ruter's MD Bernt Reitan Jenssen, FCH JU Executive Director Bert de Colvenar and HyER Director Marieke Reijalt; Norwegian comedienne Christine Koht provided some light-hearted entertainment.

80% of greenhouse gas emissions in Oslo and Akershus come from the transport sector and fuel cell buses are an important measure in reducing these emissions.

BOTTOM IMAGE: THE AIR LIQUIDE STATION (HÅKON JACOBSEN)

