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## UITP BEGINS “THE STORY OF THE BUS” WITH NEW GLOBAL BUS SURVEY



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**UITP is setting off on a journey with “The Story of the Bus”... as we bring you four key sector publications all the way to the 2019 International Bus Conference.**

With publications and an unmissable event, UITP is getting **busy with the bus**.

From now until the [International Bus Conference](#) (Brussels, 21-23 October 2019), held in conjunction with [Busworld](#), UITP will launch four bus papers detailing the latest developments on **Bus Rapid Transit, trolleybus, global bus statistics** and the impact of **electric buses on urban life**.

Today, we begin that journey by launching the [2019 Global Bus Survey](#) – a **worldwide Statistics Brief** on more than **320 bus operators** in **46 countries**, updating on all trends and developments from the **world’s bus fleet**.

What are the **standout bus stats** for **2019**...?

Almost **68%** of the world’s bus fleet are standard **12-metre buses** – with countries such as **Argentina, Finland, Japan and Denmark** running **90%** of their fleets as **standard buses**.

**Diesel** is the most **popular fuel** by far – **representing 50%** of all bus fleets

**China** leads on **electric buses with 57% of the buses** included in this global survey

**Austria, Czech Republic, Romania, Poland, Slovakia** and **Estonia** are the countries which carry the most **passengers per bus...**

*“...Now truly is the time of the bus, as these four publications will provide the sector with the latest information, trends and updates they have been waiting for. The bus has in many ways been resurrected, with services and policies created to bolster the sector, as numerous new developments happen across the world. The statistics in our Global Bus Survey will be of great interest to many, and we will further debate the conclusions at the International Bus Conference this autumn - it will be the best occasion to see what lies ahead for the global bus industry.”*

**Arno Kerkhof**  
**Bus Transport Unit Leader**  
**UITP**

In other important sector news, UITP is pleased to announce the signing of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with [the International Association of Fire and Rescue Services \(CTIF\)](#) on fire safety regulations in the bus sector.

The agreement between the two associations will see collaboration on **raising public awareness, encourage the implantation of safety standards** – and to show the way on providing information for **first and second responders to traffic accidents involving buses.**

UITP welcomes this important collaboration.

In the coming weeks and months we will launch our other bus publications, with the **BRT Report** due next on our journey to the International Bus Conference...**don't miss your stop!**

Stay tuned to [our newsroom](#) for even more developments as we countdown to **“100 days to the International Bus Conference”**...[Did you see our official 100 day launch?](#)

**Free press registration for the International Bus Conference and Busworld will open later in the summer!**

This Statistics Brief is complimented by an extensive data-set, available at cost by contacting our [publications team](#)

**(UITP) The International Association of Public Transport** works to enhance quality of life and economic well-being by supporting and promoting sustainable transport in urban areas worldwide. As a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility, UITP is internationally recognised for its work to advance the development of this critical policy agenda. With more than **1700 members** in almost **100 countries**, UITP has a long history to its name, and is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes.

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