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New Autonomous Bus arrives in Malta for EU-Funded Pilot in Gozo and Malta

A brand new autonomous bus has arrived in Malta, marking the start of a structured testing phase of at least six months. The vehicle will be tested on routes in Malta and Gozo, as part of a pilot led locally by Malta Public Transport, the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works and the University of Malta as part of the metaCCAZE project. The project aims to explore the future of intelligent and autonomous mobility on the island.

The pilot project will assess the performance of the autonomous bus on carefully selected, pre-approved routes that will begin operating in June this year. Designed to carry up to 15 people, the vehicle will begin operations through a phased rollout, starting with controlled trials, before the route officially opens for public use.

Safety is central to the pilot design. A trained safety operator will be on board at all times during testing, with the ability to take immediate control whenever required. The trial will follow a defined safety and authorisation process, in line with a stringent new regulatory framework published by Transport Malta. Continuous monitoring and data collection will allow for a system and service performance evaluation.

The pilot in Gozo and Malta, is part of the metaCCAZE project, co-funded by the European Union through the Horizon Europe programme. metaCCAZE aims to revolutionise mobility in European cities, serving both passengers and freight, with innovative electric, automated, and connected solutions designed to make transport smarter, net zero, and more efficient for all. Other innovative pilots have been launched in nine other European cities, including Tampere (Finland), and Amsterdam (the Netherlands).

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Karozza tal-linja awtonoma tasal Malta għal Proġett Pilota finanzjat mill-UE

Karozza tal-linja li taħdem b' mod awtonomu waslet f' Malta biex jingħata bidu għal fazi ta' ttestjar strutturat għal perjodu ta' mill-inqas sitt xhur. Il-vettura se tkun ittestjata fuq rotot f' Malta u Għawdex bħala parti minn proġett pilota mmexxi lokalment minn Malta Public Transport, il-Ministeru għat-Trasport, l-Infrastruttura u x-Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi u l-Università ta' Malta bħala parti mill-proġett metaCCAZE. Dan il-proġett għandu l-għan li jesplora l-futur tal-mobilità intelligenti u awtonoma f' pajjiżna.

Il-proġett pilota se jevalwa l-prestazzjoni tal-karozza tal-linja awtonoma fuq rotot magħzula bir-reqqa u approvati minn qabel, mix-xahar id-diehel. Il-vettura, li tista' għorr sa 15-il persuna, se tibda topera permezz ta' provi kkontrollati, qabel ma tibda tintuża b' mod uffiċjali għall-użu tal-pubbliku.

Is-sigurtà hija element ċentrali tal-proġett pilota. Operatur tas-sigurtà mħarreg se jkun abbord kontinwament matul it-testijiet, u se jkun jista' jieħu kontroll immedjat kull meta jkun meħtiegħ. Il-provi qed isiru skont proċess ta' sigurtà u awtorizzazzjoni skont qafas regolatorju b'saħħtu gdid ppubblikat minn Transport Malta. Monitoraġġ kontinwu u gbir ta' dejta se jippermetti l-evalwazzjoni tas-sistema u tal-prestazzjoni tas-servizz.

Il-proġett pilota f' Għawdex u Malta huwa parti mill-proġett metaCCAZE, ko-finanzjat mill-Unjoni Ewropea permezz tal-programm Horizon Europe. metaCCAZE għandu l-għan li jwettaq rivoluzzjoni fil-mobilità fl-ibliet Ewropej, għall-benefiċċju kemm tal-passiġġieri kif ukoll tal-merkanzija, b' soluzzjonijiet elettrici, awtomatizzati u innovattivi li għandhom l-għan li jwasslu għal trasport aktar effiċjenti, modern u nadif. Propetti innovattivi oħra tnedew f' disa' bliet Ewropej oħra fosthom f' Tampere fil-Finlandja u Amsterdam fl-Olanda.

metaCCAZE huwa proġett appoġġjat mill-Kummissjoni Ewropea taħt il-ftehim ta' għotjiet Nru 101139678. Il-veduti u l-opinjonijiet huma dawk tal-awtur(i) u ma jirriflettux neċessarjament dawk tal-Unjoni Ewropea jew tal-European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA). La l-Unjoni Ewropea u lanqas l-awtorità responsabbli mill-għotjiet m'hi responsabbli għalihom. metaCCAZE huwa proġett taħt l-Inizjattiva CIVITAS, programm finanzjat mill-UE li qed jaħdem biex il-mobilità sostenibbli ssir realtà għal kulhadd, u tikkontribwixxi għall-oġġettivi tal-missjoni tal-UE Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities.