

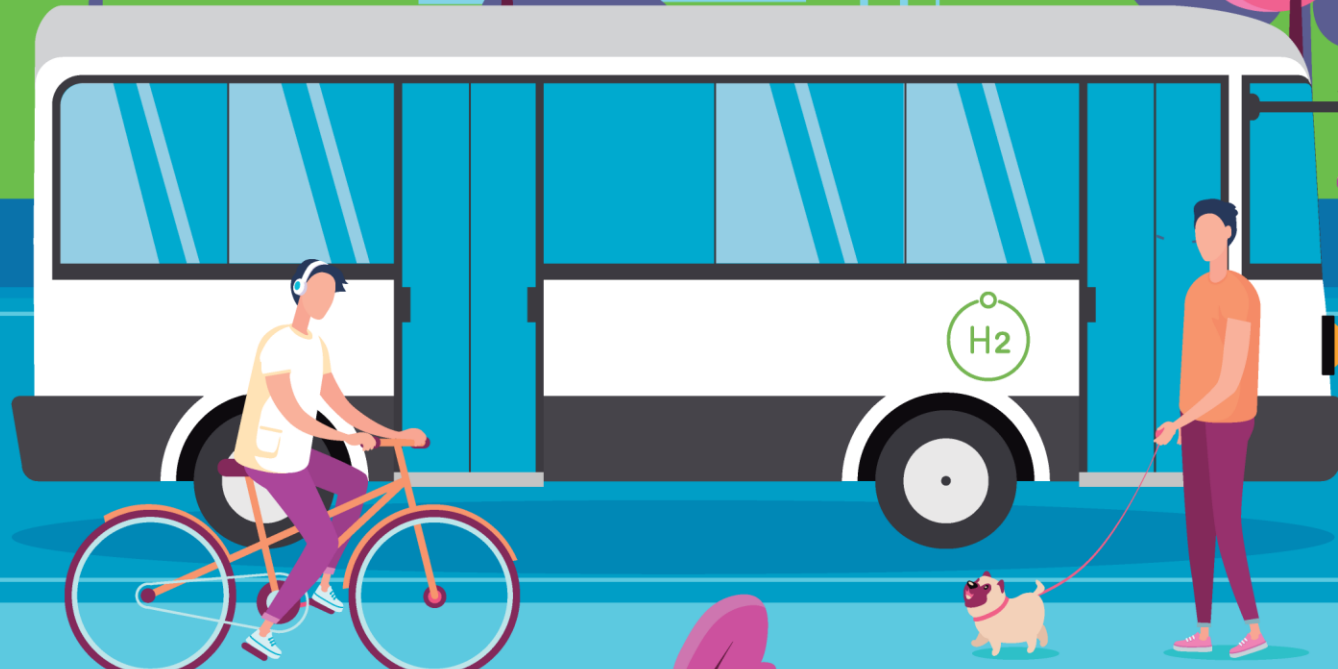
# JIVE/JIVE2/MEHRLIN

## Towards clean public transportation with fuel cell buses

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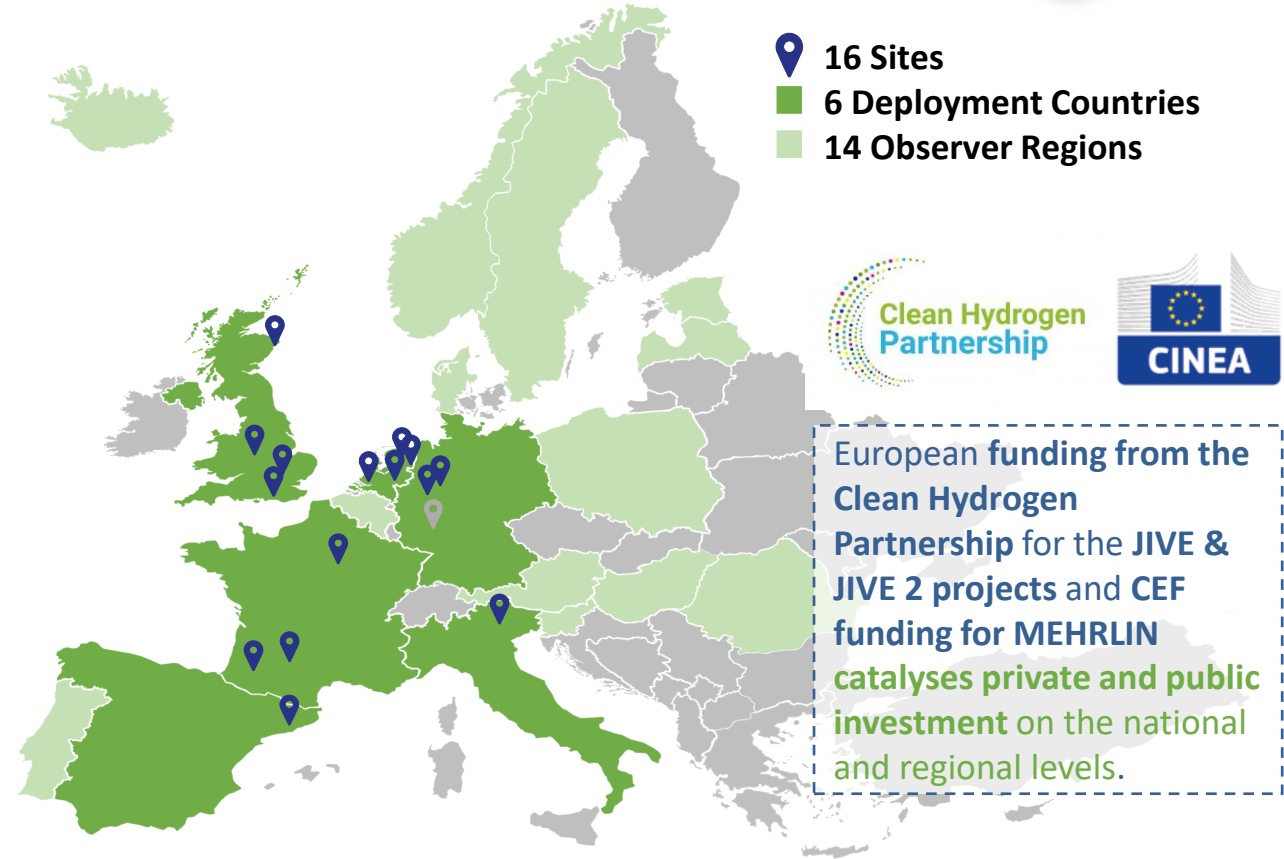
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# The JIVE projects are the flagship fuel cell bus projects in Europe aiming to deploy around 300 buses by the end of 2022



## Objectives:

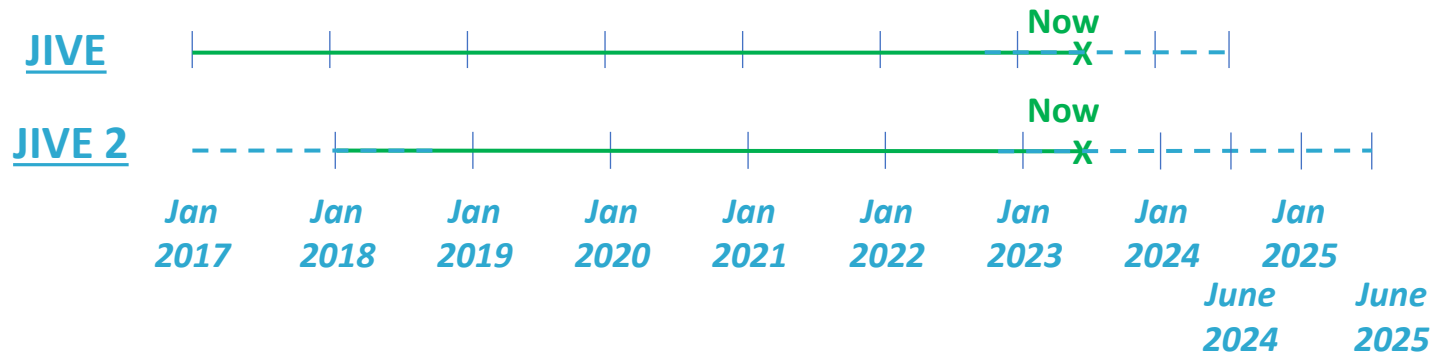
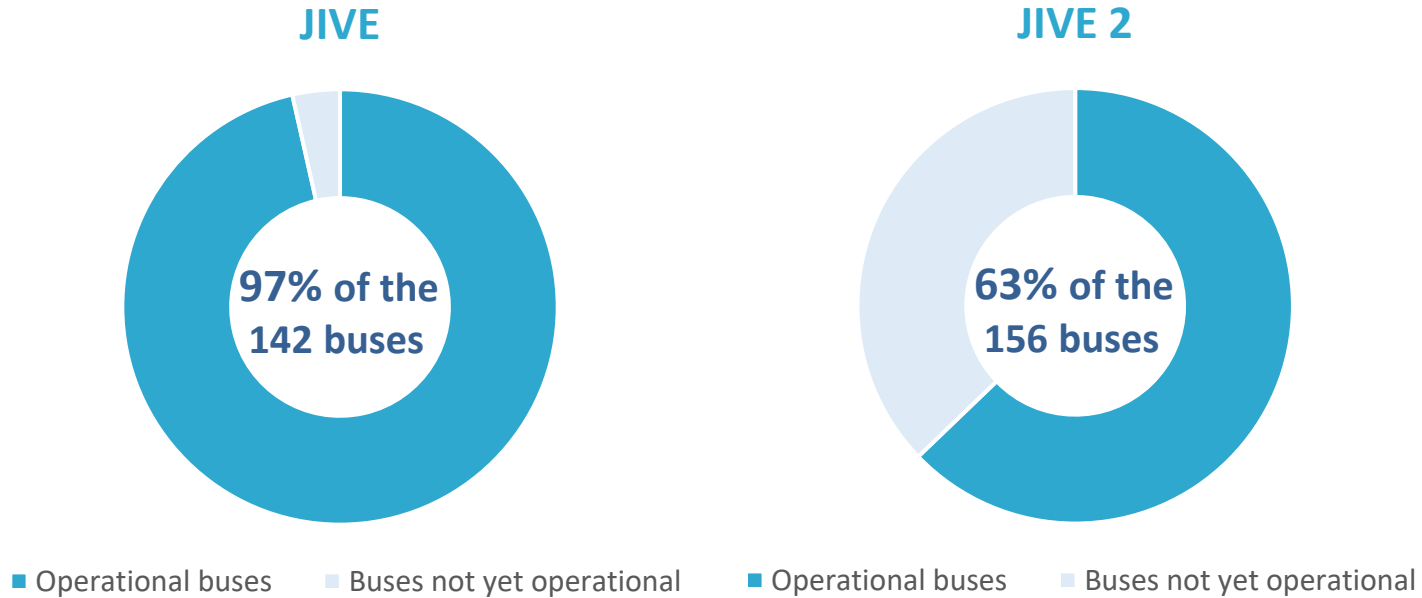
- Deploy 298 buses across 16 European cities and regions in 6 countries – the largest deployment attempted to date
  - Validate large scale fleets in operation
  - Stimulate the FCB market
  - Achieve a maximum price of €650k (JIVE) and €625k (JIVE 2) for a standard fuel cell bus
  - Trial joint procurement methods to access economies of scale
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- Deploy 18 Hydrogen Refuelling Stations
  - Enable new cities and regions to trial hydrogen technologies
  - Demonstrate routes to low cost renewable H2
  - Stimulate further large-scale uptake of fuel cell vehicles



# Current Status: Fuel Cell Buses



As of December 2022, **~77% of the buses have entered into operation\*** (i.e., 230 buses), and **more than 9M km** have been driven cumulatively.



- 5 European OEMs
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- Single deck (~67%) and double deck (~33%) buses
  - Fleets from 5 to 50+ buses



\*Several sites are still at the beginning of their operational phase and therefore are experiencing issues (bus or hydrogen supply related) which can lead to longer downtimes for their buses.

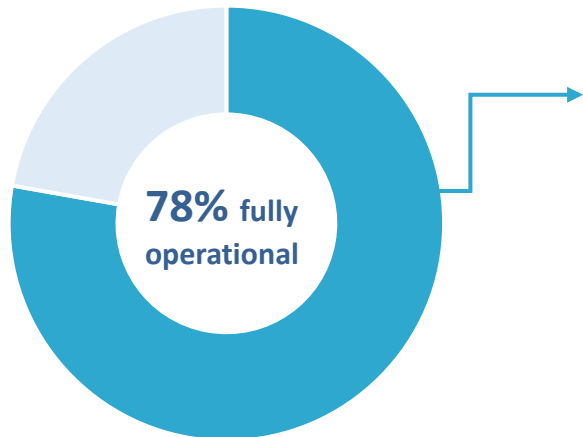
# Current Status: Hydrogen Refuelling Stations



There are **14 HRS fully operational**, most delivering green hydrogen to the vehicles. More than **777,000 kg hydrogen dispensed** as of December 2022.

- **Seven** hydrogen refuelling stations used by the JIVE and JIVE 2 buses are financed through the MEHRLIN project (CINEA).
- Several operators use, or plan to use, other existing local HRS / **mobile HRS configurations** to allow buses to start operating before HRS commissioning.

## Hydrogen refuelling stations (JIVE/JIVE2/MEHRLIN)



- **13** of the 14 operational HRS dispensing **green hydrogen\*** – Once all stations will be online, ~90% of them will be dispensing green hydrogen.
- Sites with currently blue or by-product hydrogen have plans to move to green hydrogen.
- Across the project, **almost half of the sites are producing hydrogen on-site with electrolyzers**

■ Operational HRS   ■ HRS not yet fully operational

\*included are sites which have green hydrogen certifications



# The projects are yet to be finished; 1<sup>st</sup> findings show general target feasibility but also highlight room for improvement



## Bus Performance

### Distance travelled

*JIVE: min. 132,000km/bus in 3 years*  
*JIVE 2: min. 150,000km/bus in 3 years*



### Availability of Buses

>90%



### Specific Fuel Consumption

<9kg/100km (standard buses)  
<14kg/100km (articulated buses)



## HRS Performance

### Availability of Station Unit

>98%



### Amount of Hydrogen Dispensed

*JIVE: >4,500kg/bus/year*



### Target feasibility



Target achieved at present



Room for improvement – several sites are already close to reaching this target

- **Comparison with past projects** – Buses and refuelling stations in JIVE/JIVE 2 have, overall, the potential to outperform their counterparts or have already done so.
- **Teething periods** – JIVE/JIVE 2 local bus fleets did not exhibit pronounced teething periods, unlike in earlier projects.
- JIVE/JIVE2 local fleet are no longer considered a potential “add on” to normal operations by operators but **part of day-to-day-service**.

# Performance of the Buses (Distance) – Significant increase in monthly distance can be expected as site leave the teething phase



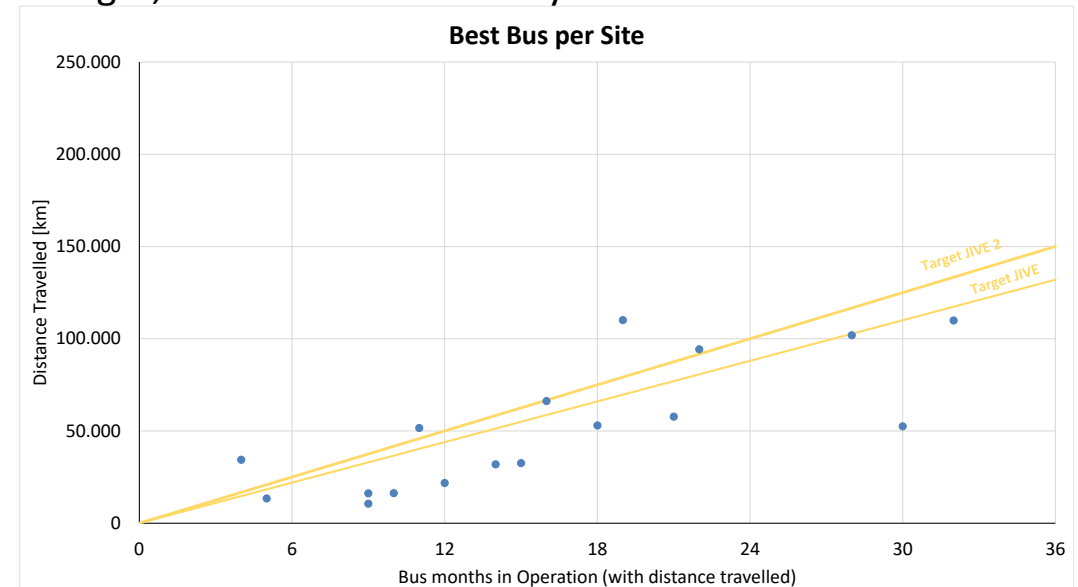
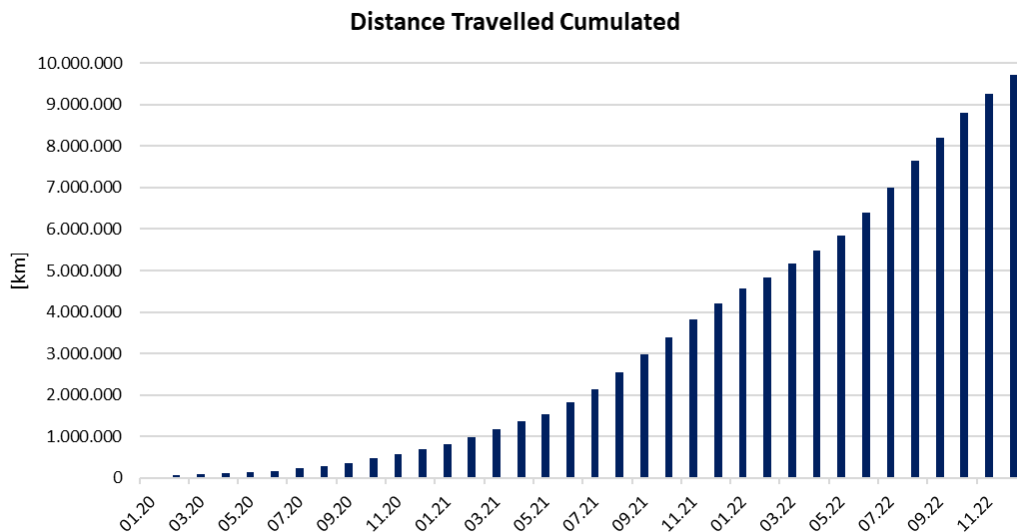
## Distance Travelled

JIVE 1: min. 132,000 km/bus in 3 years  
JIVE 2: min. 150,000km/bus in 3 years



- >9M km have been driven cumulatively as of December 2022. **Monthly distance driven up to 620,000km.**
- Local circumstances + External factors (e.g., Covid-19) had an **adverse effect on achieving the foreseen mileage.**
- However, 1.5 and 2.5 years are left before the end of JIVE and JIVE 2. Several sites only started operations in 2022 and others are not yet operational.

- However, at **almost all sites and with all bus brands the target was surpassed (for single buses in some months) during part of the reporting period**, sometimes even by a factor of two. That **proves that the buses are able of performing as expected.**
- Five sites have their best performing bus already above target; several others are very close.



**NB: Data from individual buses and/or months may be missing.**

# Performance of the Buses (Fuel Consumption) – Buses are outperforming the project objectives



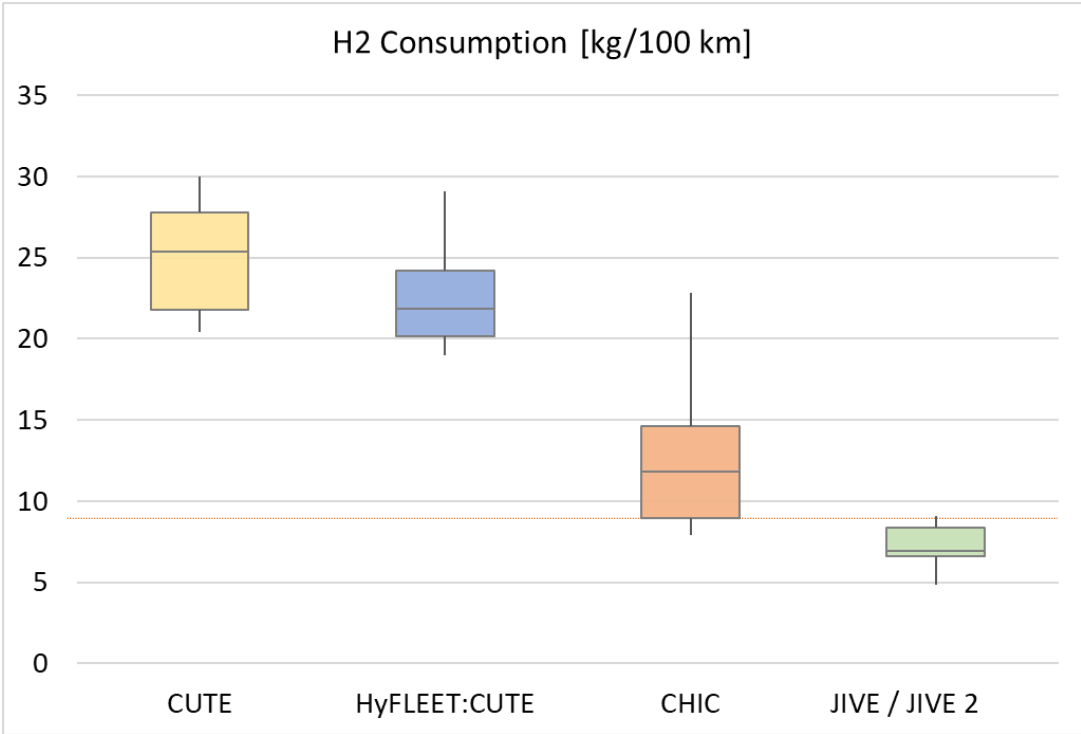
## Specific Fuel Consumption

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Target achieved at present

- Excellent fuel efficiency with consumptions currently between **6.3 and 9 kg of hydrogen per 100 km for 12 m and double decker buses** (equivalent to between 20 and 23 litres of diesel) and **less than 9 kg per 100 km for 18 m articulated buses** (equivalent to less than 30 litres of diesel).
  - **Buses are outperforming the objectives.**
- **Significant reduction in fuel consumption over the projects** (incl. for the 18 m FCBs) with values **as low as 6.5 kg/100 km** achieved. Buses with external battery recharging are even lower.



2001 – 2005      2006 – 2009      2010 – 2016      2017/18 – 2022\*

Total numbers deployed / to be deployed in the projects

27 FCBS      47 FCBS      54 FCBS      298 FCBS

\* Data up to 2022. The JIVE and JIVE 2 projects will run until June 2024 and June 2025 respectively; not all buses are therefore yet operational.

# Performance of the Buses (Availability) – Good performance in general

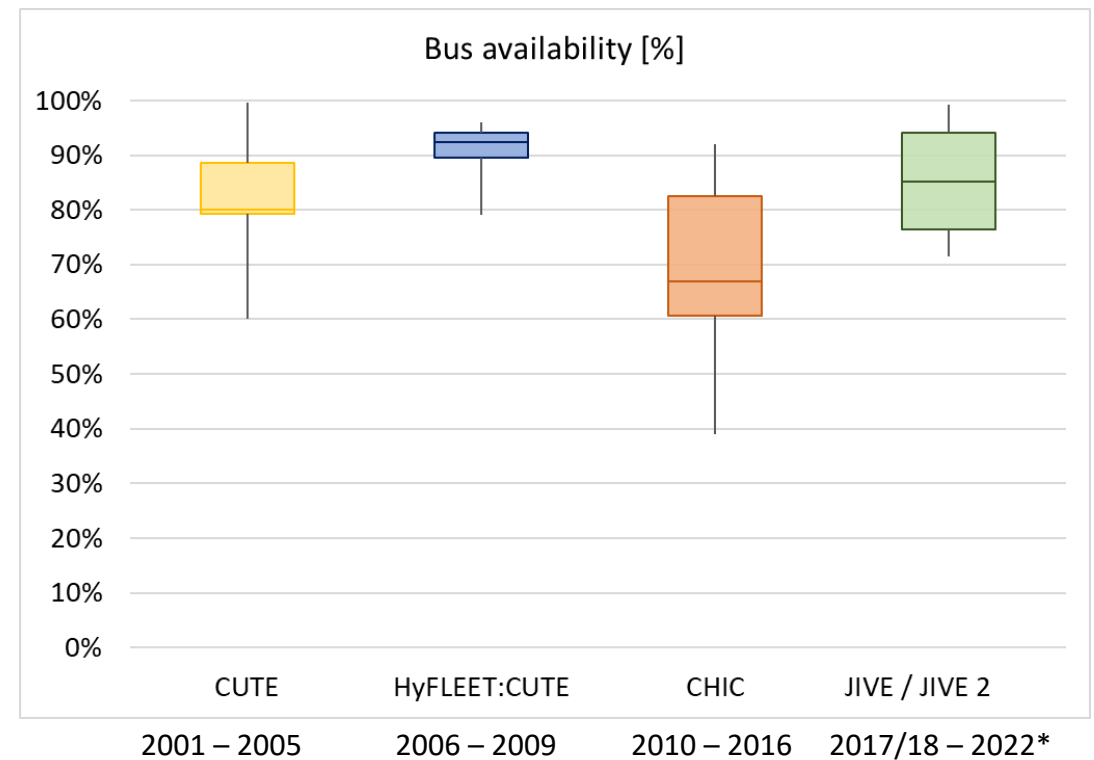


## Availability

>90%



- **Buses from all manufacturers** represented in the projects have **proven the capability to surpass the 90% target during some parts of the reporting period**. The fleet averages at five sites are higher than 90%.
- **Single sites have reached 99% availability.**
- **Average availability** across all JIVE sites **~85 % at the end of Q4 2022.**
- Analysis shows that often non-hydrogen related components cause more than half of the downtimes



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# Performance of the HRS (Availability) – Good performance in general

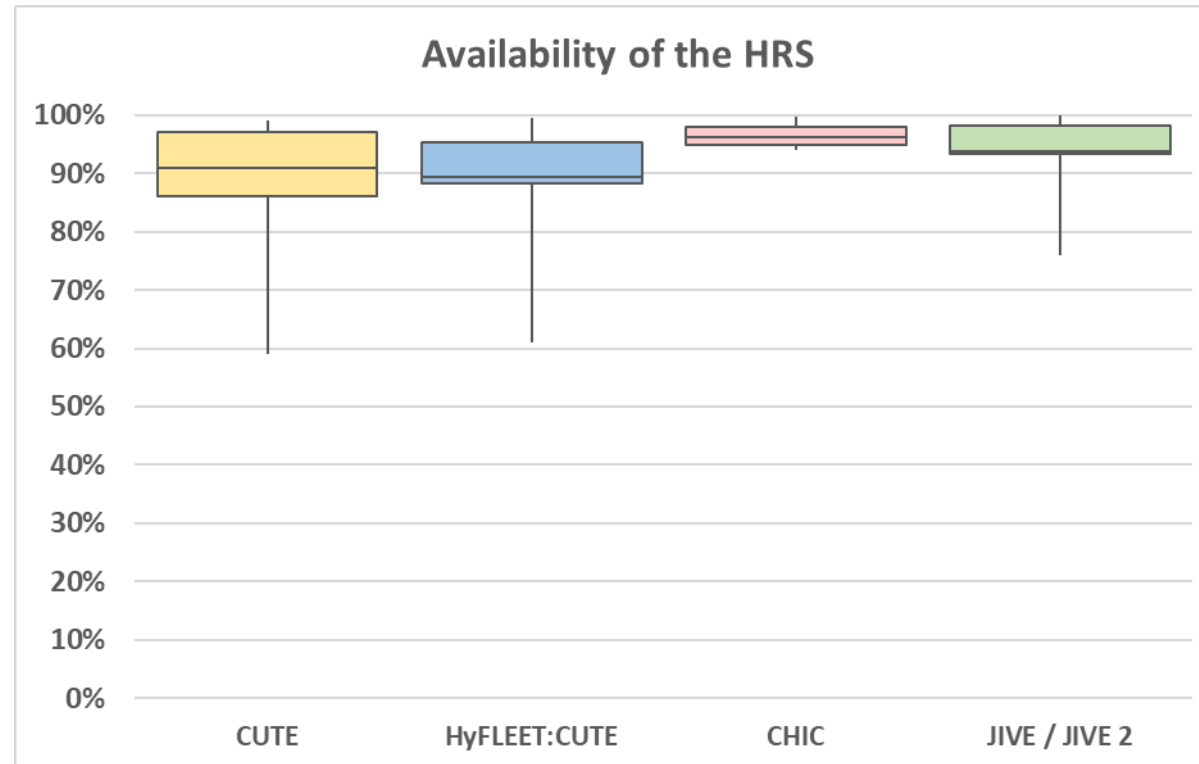


## Availability of Station Unit

>98% (with aspiration >99%)



- **Performance in general is good**; however, some major issues have led to longer downtimes at some sites.
- **3 stations are already meeting the objective** (*out of the 10 studied here*) – **most of the others reached the target during part of the reporting period.**
- With regards to the best monthly values site by site: **Each of the studied stations have proven their capability to surpass the 98% target.**



# Performance of the HRS (Amount of Hydrogen Dispensed) - gradually increasing

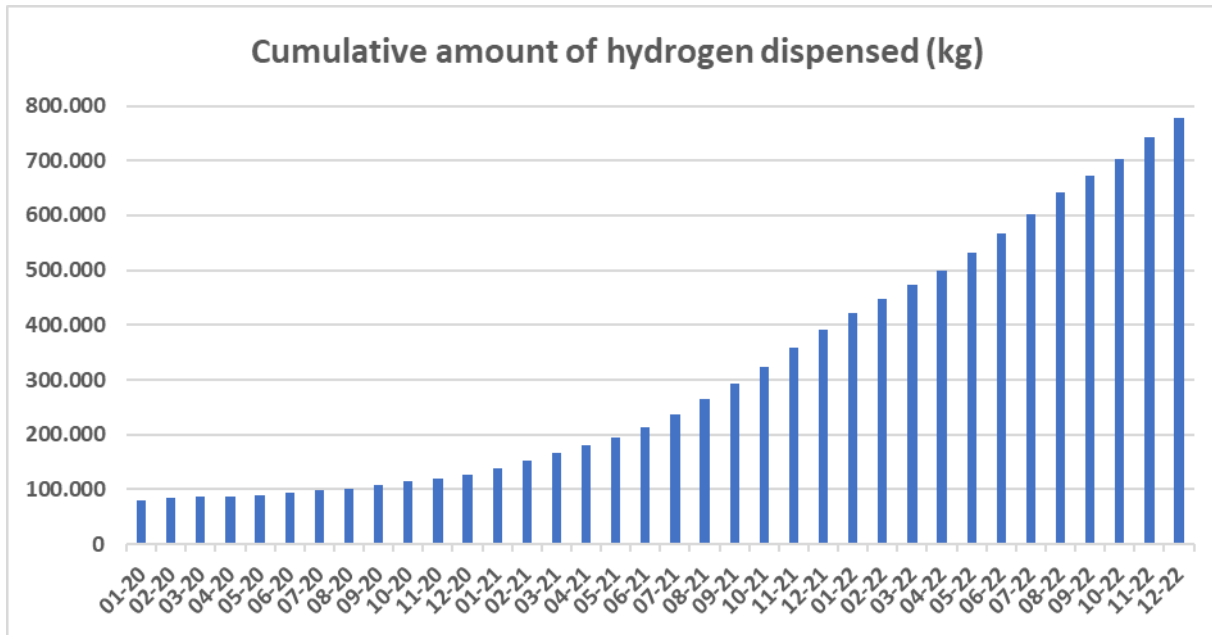


## Amount of Hydrogen Dispensed

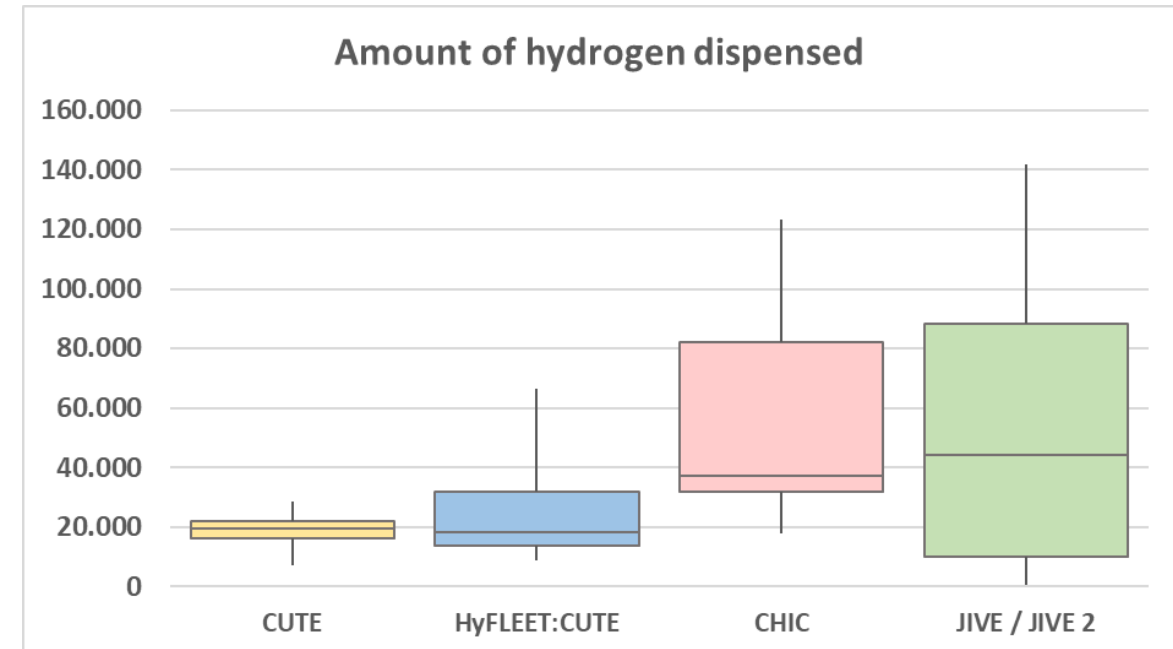
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- The amount of hydrogen dispensed has **gradually increased as the number of buses operating grew** (mid-2021). By end of December 2022, **more than 0.77M kg of hydrogen was dispensed to JIVE/JIVE 2 buses.**
- Given the larger bus fleet deployed, the **amount of hydrogen dispensed is higher than previous projects** (to be noted that 1.5 and 2.5 years are left for JIVE and JIVE 2 respectively).
- However, the **project target (JIVE) of 375 kg of H2 dispensed/bus/month is not yet reached.** This needs to be cautiously assessed, in the context of generally smaller distances travelled than foreseen and the **significant improved fuel economies** rather than assuming that the stations are not capable of providing more/enough fuel.



*NB: Data from various sites is still missing.*



# Essential existing resource from the project – The 2022 Best Practice Report



## JIVE/JIVE2/MEHRLIN Best Practice report

- Available on the project website ([here](#)) – 100 page document with all the learnings of the projects divided in the project life phases:
  - 1) Stage 1 – Project Conceptualisation
  - 2) Stage 2 – Financing and Planning
  - 3) Stage 3 – Procurement
  - 4) Stage 4 – Deployment and Operations

A Case Study was developed (section “Bringing it all Together”) with info boxes that summarise the essentials for a successful FCEB deployment project

## Keys to success within the JIVE and JIVE 2 have been project sites that ...

- Establish and communicate realistic project expectations
- Pick up learnings from earlier and ongoing FC Bus activities
- Have the ‘right’ people – champions for the technology, expert planners etc.
- Form part of a plan for a broader ‘clean’ energy system involving hydrogen



# What's next ?



The **last buses and HRS** are expected to go live in the next couple of months – all should be operational by end Q2 2023.



**Dissemination and communication** activities will be pursued.



Data will continue to be gathered to **provide further knowledge and insights on the performance** of the buses and HRS



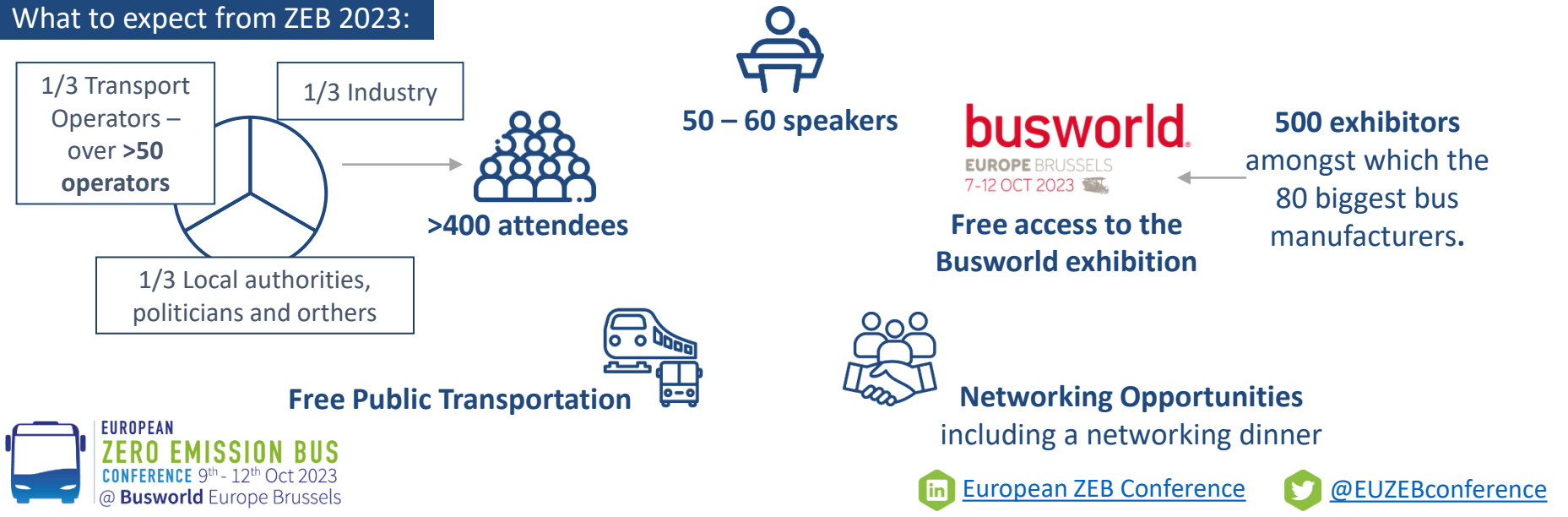
Continue discussions with partners and the industry on the **post-JIVE FCB sector**.

# ZEB 2023, a content-driven conference focused on deploying ZE Fleet at scale. New in this edition will be the special attention for ZE coaches.



- **The European ZEB (Zero Emission Bus) Conference 2023** will take place on the **9th-12th October 2023** in Brussels alongside Busworld Europe. A regular ticket includes **four half days of conference** and **access to the Busworld exhibition** – day tickets are also available. **Early bird** available until **11<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.
- The conference focuses on **technology, economy** and **policy-related** topics affecting zero-emissions buses and coaches. Full agenda and further information is available on the conference website - <https://zebconference.eu/>

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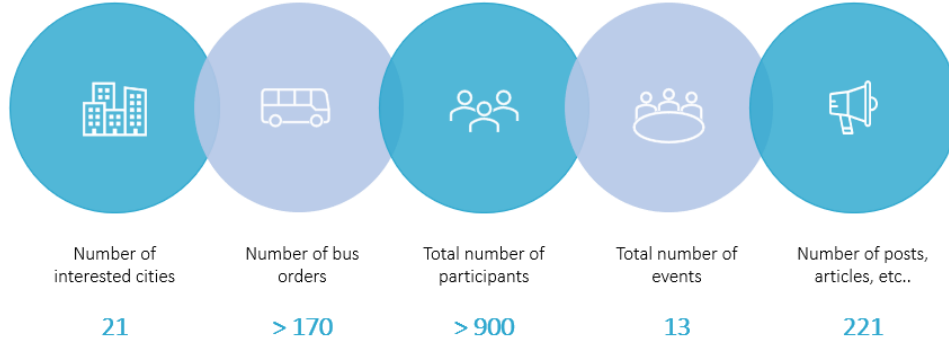
# 1<sup>st</sup> JIVE 2 CEE (Central Eastern European) Roadshow



Czech Republic / Slovakia / Hungary / Slovenia / Croatia

Countries from the 1<sup>st</sup> JIVE 2 roadshow

The bus drove across 5 countries (with 9 cities that trialed the technology) – from mid-November 2022 to mid- January 2023 (1 month break between) – traveling a total distance of **1 641 km** and consuming approximately **125 kg of H<sub>2</sub>**, resulting in an average consumption of **7,6 kg/100km**



Key KPIs from the 1<sup>st</sup> JIVE 2 roadshow

- The roadshow included a total of **13 events** that reached out to a wide range of stakeholders, including government representatives, operators and local authorities, students, and members of the academic world
- Extensive media coverage including physical and digital newspapers, TV, radio, and social media allowed to reach over **2.5 million people**. This has allowed to disseminate knowledge and increase public awareness about hydrogen in transports.

## Key impacts

- **90% of the cities** that trialed the technology have **announced a formal interest in deploying FCBs following the roadshow**. In total, **over 150 hydrogen buses** will be deployed in the region over the next years
- Messer/Caetano/Toyota are offering a “full package “ solution to cities that trialed the technology

## Key barriers

- Price of the bus and H<sub>2</sub>, lack of public funding - insufficient support for FCB on a national level, lack of hydrogen ecosystem and pilot projects, regulatory framework for the whole system, etc.





# QUESTIONS?

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