**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Irizar i6S Efficient Hydrogen 2024 Coach of the Year in Spain**

**After its launch in October last year at the Busworld International Fair, the new Irizar i6S Efficient Hydrogen has won the 2024 Coach of the Year in Spain award.**

Imanol Rego, CEO of the Irizar Group, and Mikel Perez, the Irizar Commercial Director for Spain and Portugal, received the prize at the awards ceremony that was held yesterday, Wednesday 24 January at the Madrid Novotel Hotel. The event brought together businesspeople from the sector, members of the main industry associations and institutional representatives.

This is the ninth time Irizar has won the prize. In addition to the past acknowledgements for the Century, Irizar pb and Irizar i6, in 2015 they won the Coach of the Year award for the first time with the 100% electric Irizar i2e. 2016 was the year of the double award: the Irizar i8 coach and Irizar Group's 100% electric bus were named 2016 Spanish Coach of the Year and Environmentally Friendly Industrial Vehicle of the Year. The Irizar i6S also received the award in 2017. In addition, the Irizar i6S Efficient, the most efficient coach in the history of Irizar, won the Coach of the Year in Spain prize last year.

“At Irizar we want to be a key actor in the mobility of the future. To achieve that, we’re focusing all our efforts on decarbonisation and reducing the consumption and emissions of our vehicles. We’re certain that the future will be multi-technological. And the Irizar i6S Efficient Hydrogen, alongside the rest of the range of technologies available for our buses and coaches, is proof of that.”, notes Imanol Rego, CEO of the Irizar Group. “It’s a pioneering project that puts Irizar back at the technological forefront on the path to the sustainable mobility of the future”, adds Mikel Pérez, the Irizar Commercial Director for Spain and Portugal.

**Irizar i6S Efficient Hydrogen**

The Irizar i6S Efficient Hydrogen, presented for the first time at the Busworld International Fair, is the first European zero-emissions H2 coach. This project shows Irizar’s firm commitment to providing a complete range of zero-emissions vehicles for short and long distances. And it’s a milestone in our progress towards the sustainable mobility of the future.

This hydrogen vehicle was developed exclusively by Irizar in conjunction with leading companies and technology centres. The Irizar i6S Efficient Hydrogen is currently in the test phase for different typologies. The accumulation of knowledge and experience will be key for shaping the future range of hydrogen vehicles.

The Irizar i6S Efficient Hydrogen has a range up to 1000 km and minimal recharging times of around 20 minutes. Consequently, the way our clients operate will not be changed, and they can continue using their normal routes and schedules. Likewise, the Irizar i6S Efficient Hydrogen vehicles can operate in electric mode occasionally if needed.

The high durability of the main parts of the coach can also be highlighted. The batteries will stay with the vehicles for its entire useful life, and the fuel cell will need maintenance, without replacing parts, after around 30,000 hours of operation, depending on the type of routes and usage.

With the recently launched Irizar i6S Efficient Hydrogen, Irizar is once again at the cutting edge of technology for smart, connected, zero-emissions and multi-technology mobility.

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