

## PRESS RELEASE

### Italy-Tunisia cooperation under Irisbus-Iveco

Irisbus-Iveco is leading a pilot project, promoted by the Italian Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to improve the environmental sustainability of transport in Tunisia.

The Italian Cooperation has financed two Irisbus-Iveco CityClass buses, powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) engine solution, which Mr. Mariano Foti, Director of the Cooperation Office of the Italian Embassy in Tunis, delivered yesterday to the General Director of Terrestrial Transport of the Tunisian Minister of Transport Mr. Mahmoud Benfadhl.

The ceremony for the key delivery has taken place in the framework of the workshop "Sustainable transport and protection of the environment – opportunities and challenges for the cooperation between Tunisia and Italy", sponsored by Irisbus-Iveco, which stressed how governmental policies can contribute to improve the air quality, encouraging the renewal of the running park.

This initiative marks continuity in Iveco co-operation with Africa & Middle East Countries, aimed at creating local skills through vocational training actions, which Iveco started in May 2005 in Cairo with the support of the Italian Embassy and the Ministry of Education of Egypt.

Iveco co-operation activities in Africa & Middle East strategic markets like Tunisia aim at diversification of energy sources, better environmental impact and improved cost/effectiveness through technical feasibility and economic sustainability criteria.

The CityClass CNG 791.12.27 delivered yesterday in Tunis have the same characteristics as the 470 vehicles Irisbus-Iveco has recently supplied to ATAC, the transport Agency of the Municipality of Rome. These vehicles have a level of emissions below the standard Euro 6, and also fall within the severe limits foreseen for the prospective European EEV (Enhanced Environmental Vehicle) scheme. The CityClass CNG is manufactured in the Irisbus-Iveco plant in Valle Ufita in the province of Avellino.

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