

Oblibus , a tool to finance the greening of buses in Île-de-France

The Banque des Territoires has developed a financial tool, Oblibus , to help Île-de-France Mobilités and the RATP convert their bus fleet to decarbonated energy.

In order to support the decarbonization program for the Ile-de-France bus fleet, the Banque des Territoires in partnership with the European Investment Bank (EIB) has set up the Verdibus Territoires platform which carries Oblibus, an offer dedicated to the financing of fleets of green buses.

In the form of a bond loan, Oblibus allows the financing of the acquisition of the bus fleet and the associated refueling infrastructure for the Bus Operational Centers. A first financing of 23 million euros has thus been granted, a second is in the process of being contracted for an amount of 27.7 million euros. This financing is part of the "Connecting Europe Facility" program which has enabled Île-de-France Mobilités (IDFM) to also benefit from two grants of the same order - 23 million euros in October 2020 and 27.7 million euros in May 2021 — bringing the total support amount to 101.4 million euros.

The greening plan for the bus fleet plans to convert 100% of buses in dense areas to electric, biomethane or hybrid in 2025 and 100% in the outer suburbs in 2029, i.e. 4,700 buses concerned for an investment by IDFM of 1.8 billion euros.