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# WEBINAR

## Driving the Change: Accelerating Public Transport's Transition to E-Buses

### #1: Learnings from Latin America



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Specialist at BASE

Moderator



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Managing Director  
at BASE



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Ortiz Carrascal**

Public transport and e-mobility  
expert with experience at



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Regional Director of  
BYD Latin America



**Luis Andres  
Alandia**

Senior Investment Officer  
and Global Lead Specialist for  
urban mobility at Proparco



## Daniel in a few words:

- Led e-bus projects in several countries with the implementation of 1,500 e-buses and 40 hybrid buses.
- Led design of business models and financial strategies for e-buses and smart charging infrastructure in Sri Lanka, establishing roadmaps in Costa Rica, and financial strategies in Argentina and Peru.



**Daniel Magallón**

Managing Director  
at BASE Foundation





# Opening Remarks

**BASE is a Swiss not-for-profit foundation and a Specialized Partner of UN Environment.**

**BASE develops innovative, actionable financing strategies and market-driven solutions to unlock investment in sustainable energy and climate change solutions.**

**BASE has been developing innovative financing strategies and business models for e-mobility for 7 cities in Latin America, Africa and Asia.**



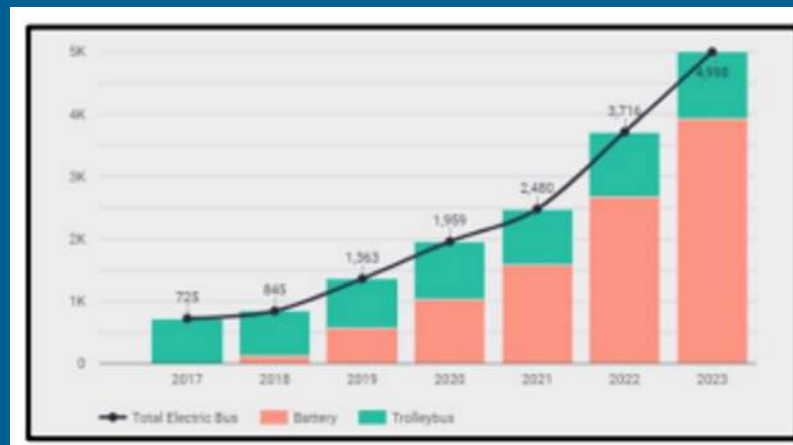


# Why E-Buses?

Sources: UNEP

- Transport sector is fastest-growing GHG expected to reach 30%+ of total emissions in the future.
- Meeting targets of Paris Climate Agreement requires a global shift to Zero emissions electric mobility.

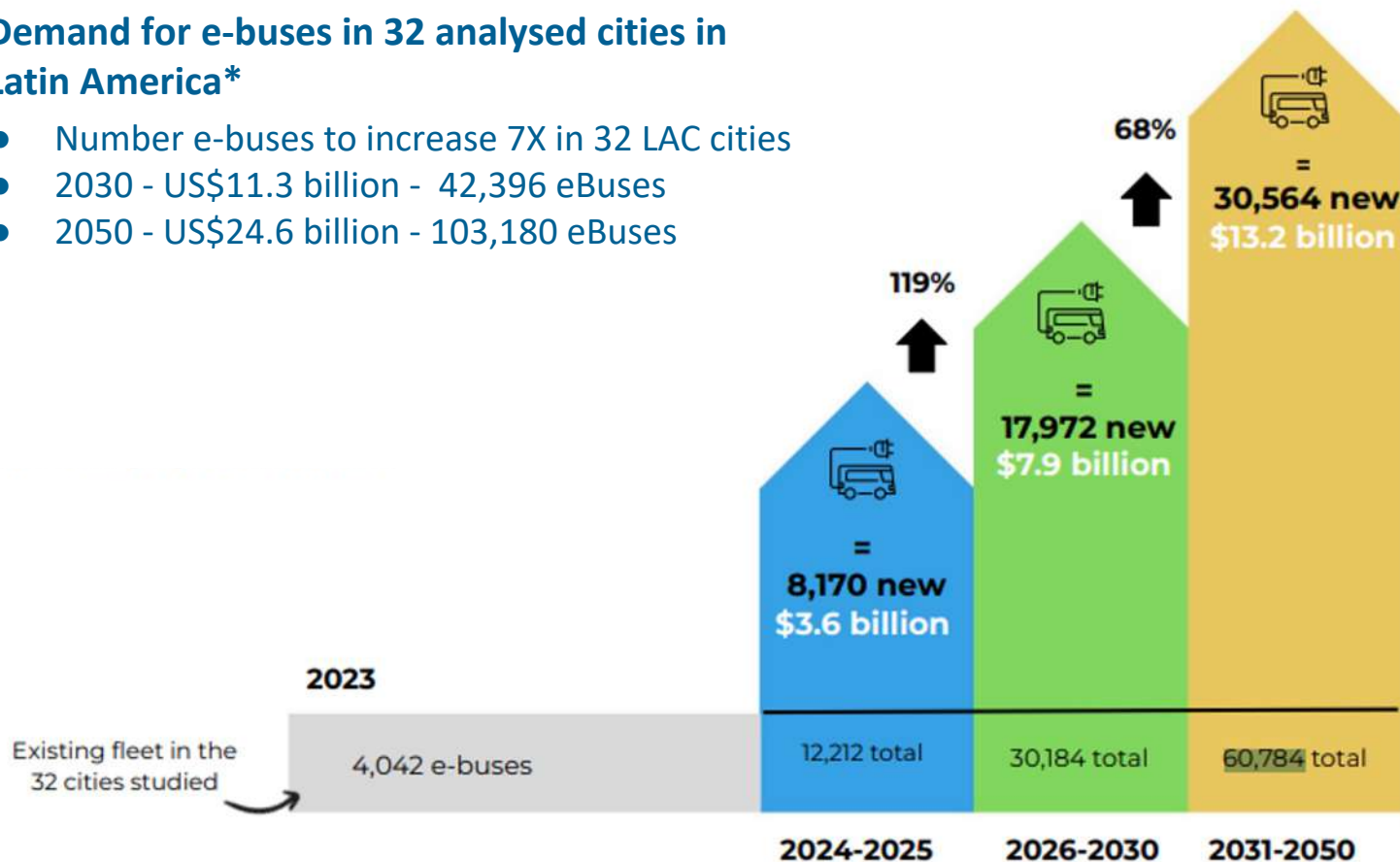
## Total of e-buses in Latin America





## Demand for e-buses in 32 analysed cities in Latin America\*

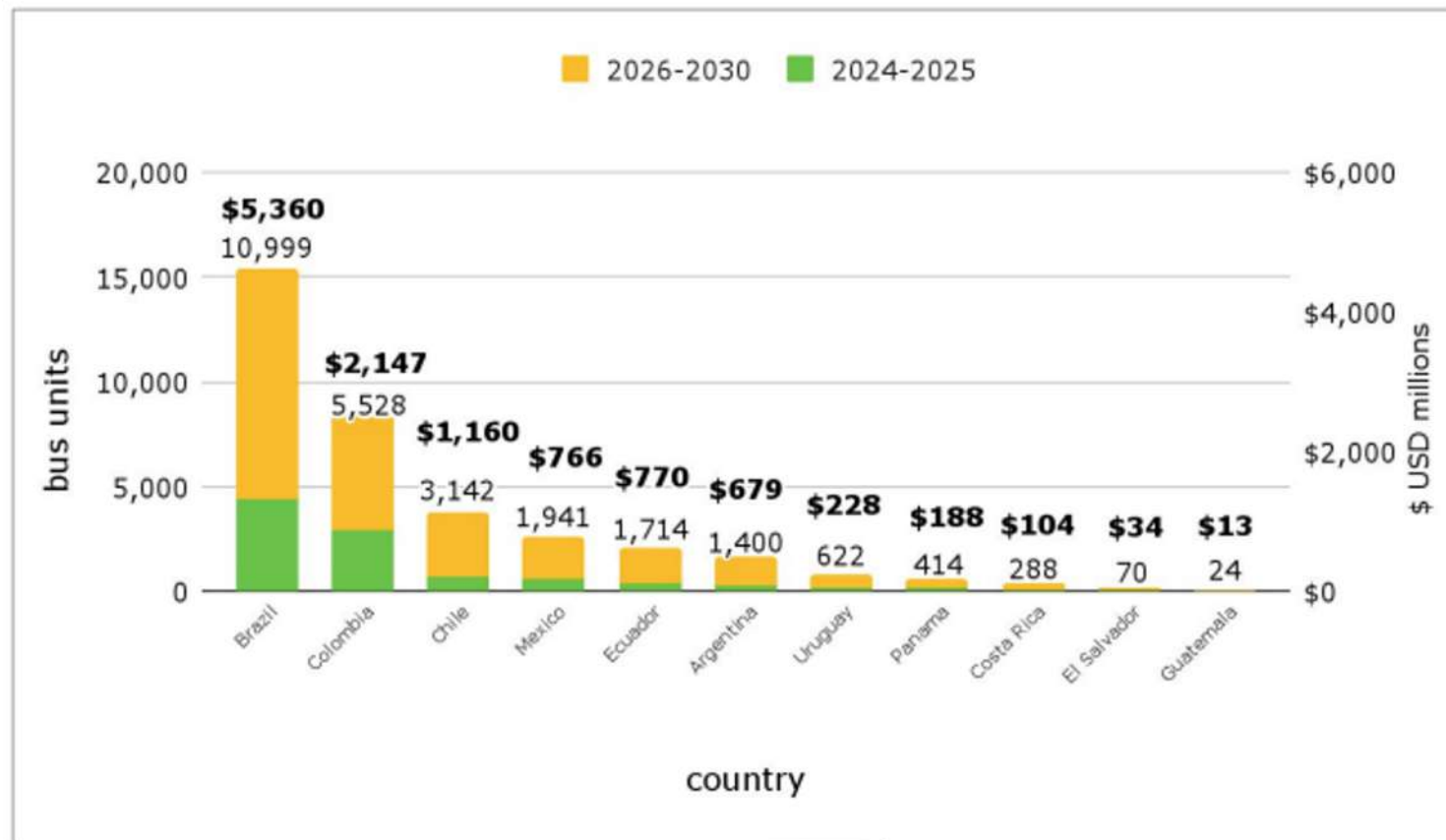
- Number e-buses to increase 7X in 32 LAC cities
- 2030 - US\$11.3 billion - 42,396 eBuses
- 2050 - US\$24.6 billion - 103,180 eBuses



\* Source: C40 City interviews (2023), relevant public policies and E-Bus Radar



## E-bus Projection and Investment Size Including Charging Infrastructure



## eBus Adoption Landscape in Latin America: National Plans, Pilots, Initiatives and Fleet Implementations



## BARRIERS

### Political and Regulatory

- Lack of supportive regulations to promote electric buses.
- Widespread informal transport services
- Changes in government and transport authorities

### Operational Risks

- Operational Adjustments for E-Bus Fleet Transition
- Challenges of Market Fragmentation
- Tailoring E-Bus Solutions to Local Conditions

### Financial Risks

- Higher upfront investment in eBus
- Need of infrastructure investment to enable eBuses
- Absence of secondary market

### Technology Risks

- Historical Data Scarcity and evidence - few success case studies
- Knowledge gaps, - charging infrastructure requirements, equipment/ performance and lifetime, operation conditions



**Thank you!**

## Maria Fernanda in a few words:

- 12+ of experience structuring processes for electrifying public fleets.
- Chosen as one of the fifteen Electric Women by TUMI and Women Mobilize publication.
- Led Bogotá's ascension as a leader in clean transportation.
- Recently appointed Director General of TransMilenio



## Maria Fernanda Ortiz Carrascal

Public transport and e-mobility  
expert with experience at





# Key elements of electrifying public transport systems

María Fernanda Ortiz Carrascal  
January 2024

## 3 cases

### Bogota, CO

- 1.485 e-buses
- 10 electroterminals
- 3 years operating

### Mexico City, MX

- L3: 60 e-buses
- 1 electroterminal
- 1 year operating

### San Jose, CR

- Strong legal framework
- Strong political view
- 1 pilot

# Key elements in successful cases

Political will

Legal framework of  
incentives and  
disincentives

Economical support  
from central sector:  
financial guarantees  
and payment methods

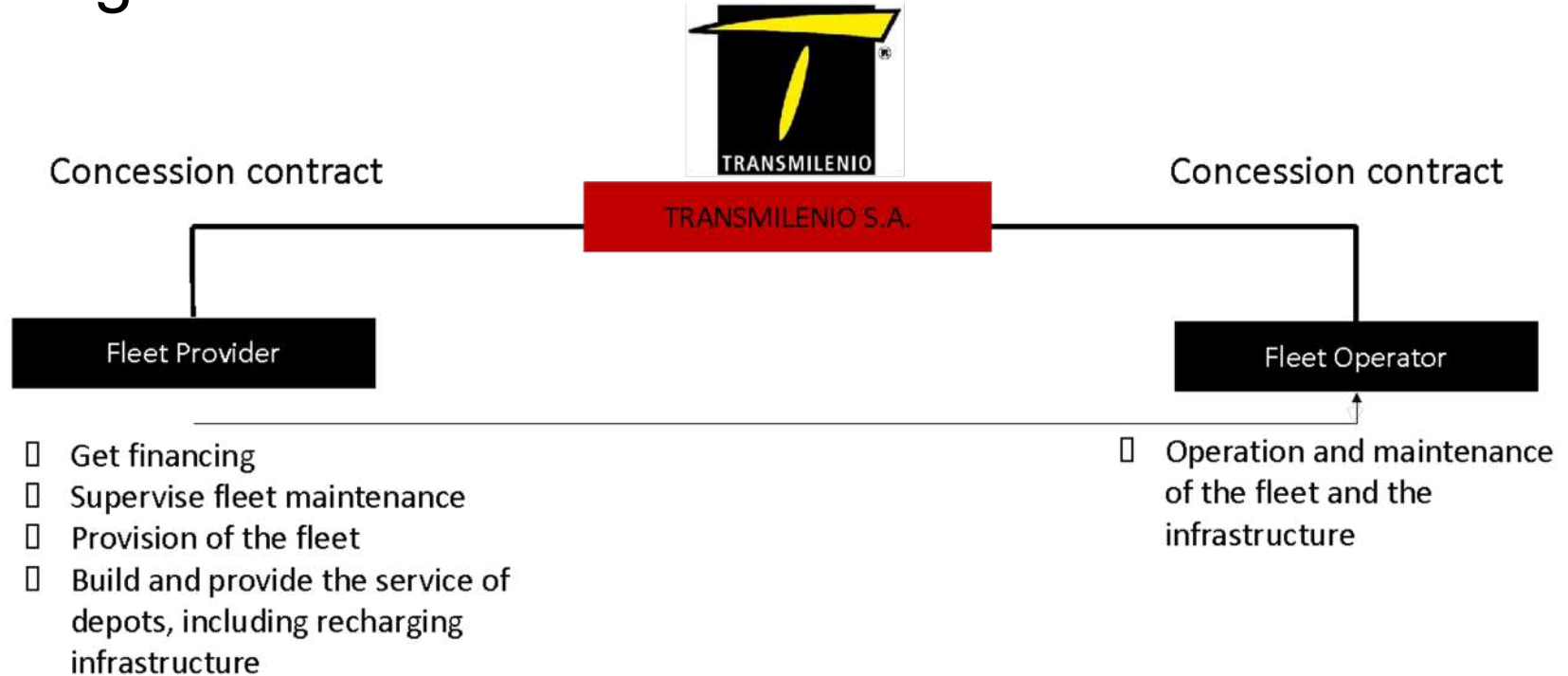
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stakeholders

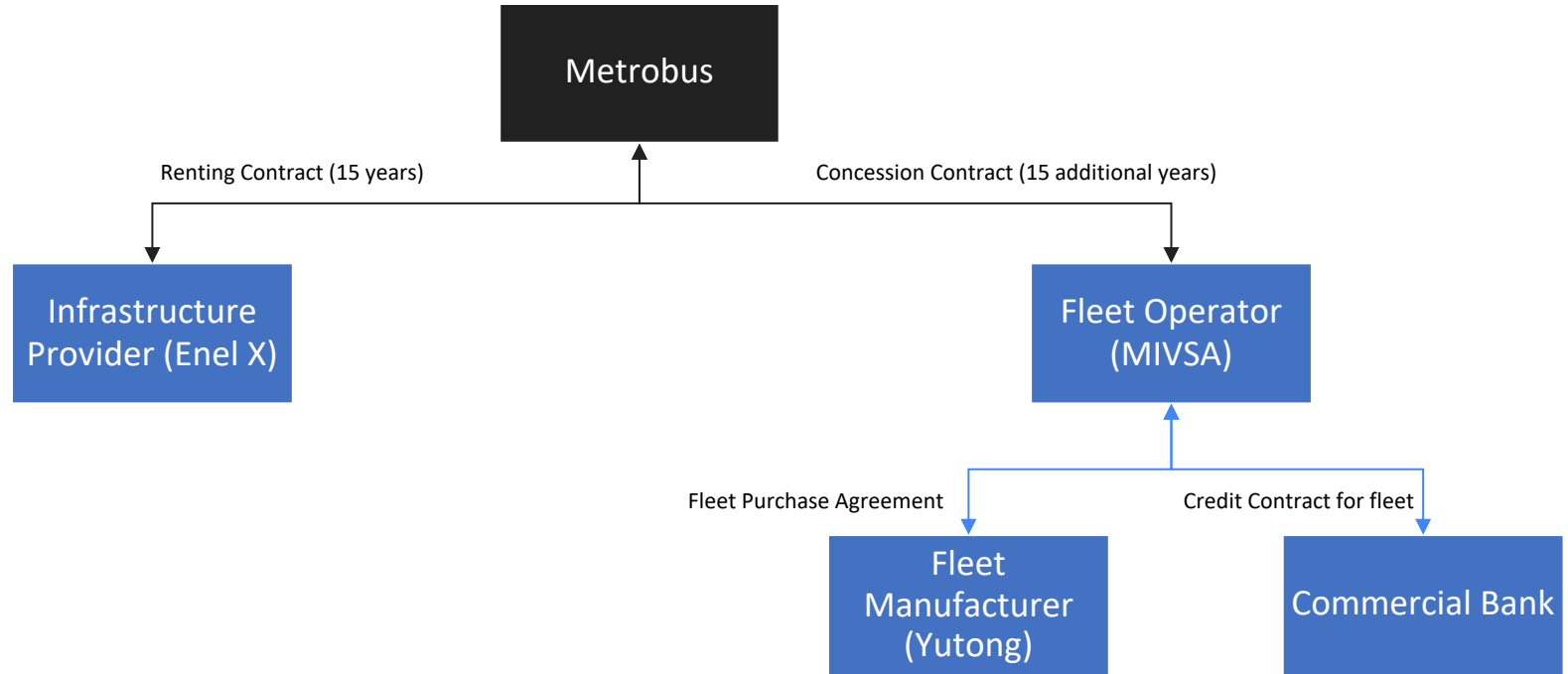
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Key partners from the  
energy sector

# Bogotá



# Mexico City - L3 Metrobus



# What is missing in San José

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# Thank you!

Maria Fernanda Ortiz Carrascal

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## Lara in a few words:

- 15 years of experience in the electric vehicle industry
- Led projects of electric mobility and sustainable development for over 500 million USD.



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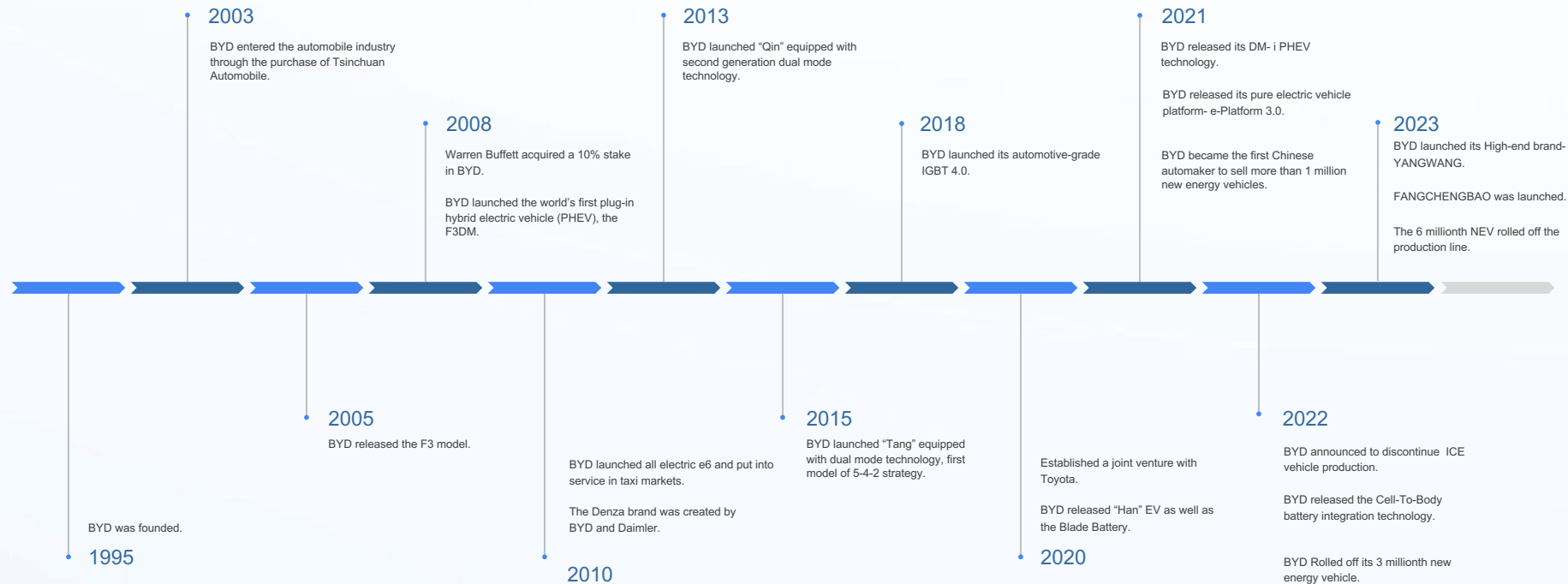
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# ABOUT BYD

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# 4 MAIN INDUSTRIES



Auto



Rail Transit



Renewable  
Energy



Electronics



90,000+

R&D Personnel



11

Research Institutes



27

Patent Applications  
per day

15

Authorized Patents  
per day

\* As of Oct, 2023



## FULL INDUSTRIAL CHAIN AND FULL-MARKET STRATEGY

The **First and Only** company in the world to provide full-market new energy vehicle solutions, **7+4 strategy**



# 7

Conventional Applications



Consumer

Buses

Coaches

Taxis

Logistics

Construction

Sanitation

+

# 4

Specialized Applications



Port

Warehouse

Airport

Mining

40+

Branch Offices

600+k

Employees

Over 400 cities across 70 countries & regions in 6 continents

## EUROPE

UK  
Netherlands  
Sweden  
Finland  
Italy  
Spain

Norway  
Germany  
Hungary  
Denmark  
Ireland  
Belgium

France  
Portugal  
Luxembourg  
Poland  
Greece  
Romania

Iceland  
Austria  
Turkey  
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China  
Hong Kong, China  
Macau, China  
Taiwan, China  
Japan  
South Korea  
Philippines  
Indonesia  
Nepal  
India  
Thailand  
Laos  
Malaysia  
Singapore  
Australia  
New Zealand  
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Cambodia  
Mongolia  
Myanmar  
French Polynesia  
Uzbekistan

## NORTH AMERICA

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United States

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|----------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------|
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| Colombia | Argentina | Curacao            | Republic of Trinidad |
| Ecuador  | Barbados  | Jamaica            | and Tobago           |
| Peru     | Chile     | Bolivia            |                      |
| Brazil   | Paraguay  | Costa Rica         |                      |
| Uruguay  | Bahamas   | Dominican Republic |                      |

## MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA

Mauritius  
Jordan  
United Arab Emirates  
South Africa  
Morocco  
Israel  
Azerbaijan

## ASIA PACIFIC

\*As of Oct, 2023



# Global NO. 1

NEV(BEV+PHEV) Sales



## 3.02 Million

NEV Sales during 2022 with 61.9% YOY Growth Rate

## 242,765 Units

Overseas sales in 2023, with 334.2% YOY Growth Rate



# Insights from the manufacturer's perspective for E-bus deployment

- Role of the manufacturer
- Gaps between expectations and reality for e-bus deployment
- Specific barriers and needs





## Luis Andres in a few words:

- 12+ years of experience originating and structuring debt for infrastructure projects worldwide.
- Led the financing of three landmark e-mobility transactions, deploying a combined amount of circa USD 150M.



### Luis Andres Alandia

Senior Investment Officer and  
Global Lead Specialist for urban  
mobility at Proparco



# WEBINAR SERIES: « DRIVING THE CHANGE: ACCELERATING PUBLIC TRANSPORT'S TRANSITION TO E-BUSES »



#1 LEARNINGS FROM LATIN AMERICA

# PROPARCO: A LEADING EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTION (DFI) FOCUSED ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR



## French Development Agency's (AFD) private sector financing arm



Proparco **finances private sector led projects** that have a **significant impact on local development**



**€2.7bn** committed in 2023



A global network of **23** local and regional offices



Present in **over 115** countries (countries eligible for public development aid, according to the OECD)



**Over 450** employees (with **100** working on the field)

## Urban mobility: at the center of AFD's activities



**Over \$7bn** of transport projects financed by the AFD Group since 2010, **more than 60%** of which correspond to urban mobility projects



Proparco's increasing role in urban mobility is fully aligned with **an increasing role of the private sector in urban mobility** projects worldwide



Three flagship urban e-mobility projects financed:

- **Electribus** (Colombia, 2021) – 259 e-buses (50/80 pax)
- **GreenMovil** (Colombia, 2022) – 406 e-buses (50/80 pax)
- **Dakar Mobilité** (Senegal, 2023) – 121 e-buses (150 pax)

# E-BUSES: THE FASTEST-GROWING SEGMENT OF THE EV MARKET

## The e-bus revolution – a key (and growing) segment of urban mobility



The rise in pollution and environmental hazards has compelled a transition towards e-mobility

- **70%** of **global GHG emissions** from cities and **1/3** of these emissions are caused by **transport**<sup>1</sup> (C40)
- Increasing urbanisation rates > use of public transport must double by 2030 (C40)



E-buses are surpassing the growth of every other electric-vehicle (EV) segment worldwide



Global e-bus market size: from **112k** units in 2022 to **671k** in 2027, at a CAGR of **43.1%**<sup>2</sup>



Asia remains the largest e-bus market. All continents shifting towards a Zero Emission (ZE) urban mobility

## LAC: a land of opportunities for e-buses



LAC is leading the transition to ZE (zero-emission) urban mobility



**5,068** electric buses in Latin America at YE2023 incl. **2000** in Santiago (city w/ largest fleet of e-buses outside China) and **1,485** in Bogotá<sup>3</sup>



Electric bus market in Latin America: **\$11.6bn** by 2030 and **\$24.6bn** by 2050<sup>1</sup>



LAC represents a strong potential for e-buses :

- High **urbanisation rates** (**84%** living in cities)
- High **use of public transport** (**68%** of passenger travel)
- Public policies focused on **reducing CO2 emissions**
- **Clean energy matrices**

# THREE FLAGSHIP PROJECTS IN THREE YEARS: EUR 300M CONVEYED TO E-BUSES WORLDWIDE!



## Electribus (Colombia, 2021)



**Project:** concession (15y) for the supply of 259 e-buses to the SITP of Bogotá



### Financing (c. \$110m):

- Senior debt (13.5 years): \$82m
- Equity: \$28m



### Actors:

- Grantor: Transmilenio
- Sponsors: Ashmore & SomosK
- Lenders: Proparco & FDN
- Supplier: BYD

## GreenMovil (Colombia, 2022)



**Project:** concession (15y) for the supply of 406 e-buses to the SITP system, charging infrastructure and a logistics centre



### Financing (c. \$148m):

- Senior debt (13.5 years): \$133m
- Equity: \$15m



### Actors:

- Grantor: Transmilenio
- Sponsors: Transdev & Fanalca
- Lenders: Proparco & FDN
- Supplier: BYD

## BRT Dakar (Senegal, 2023)



**Project:** concession (15y) for the supply, operation and maintenance of 121 articulated e-buses (150 pax)



### Funding (c. €139m):

- Senior debt (13 years): €92m
- Subsidies: €15m (EU & EAIIF)
- Equity: €32m



### Actors:

- Grantor: CETUD
- Sponsors: Meridiam & FONSI
- Lenders: PROPARCO, EAIIF (+ subsidies from EU and PIDG)
- Supplier: CRRC

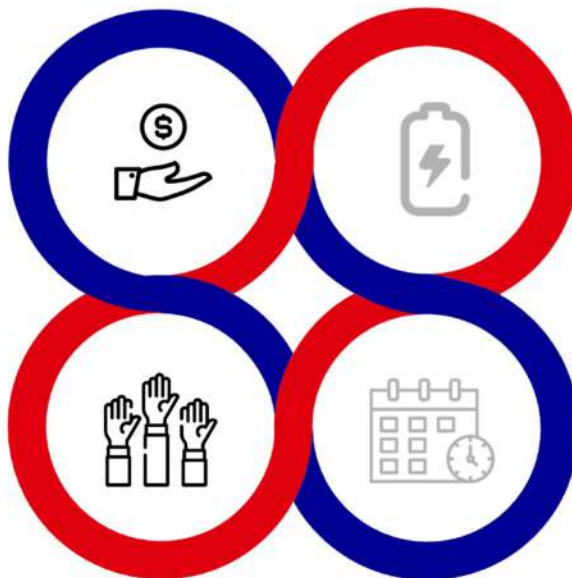
# FINANCING E-BUS CONCESSIONS - CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED

## 1. Higher CapEx meets Lower Opex

- CAPEX required is much higher for e-buses (**2x**) (and it's mostly upfront)
  - OPEX, on the contrary is lower (but savings come year after year)
- > **Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) is lower for an e-bus than a conventional one**

## 3. Bankability and demand risk

- High financing needs: **bankability of business models is all the more relevant**
- > **Separating Asset ownership from O&M** - no traffic risk borne by asset owners (e.g. Electribus or GreenMovil)
- > **Min. level of ridership guaranteed by Grantor** (e.g. Dakar Mobilité)



## 2. Tackle battery replacement

- Battery replacement = ~30% of CAPEX
- Key issue for Sponsors – how to ensure best terms for battery replacement in years 7-8? Safer to secure supply now?
- Different approaches for Electribus, Green Movil and Dakar Mobilité

## 4. Public sector: a critical role to foster the transition to ZE urban mobility

- **Mitigating ridership risk** to ensure bankability of concessions
- **Long concession terms required** ([15 years])
- **Consistency & track record in meeting obligations vis-a-vis concessionaires**
- **Fiscal incentives**

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# **Panel Discussion**



# Questions & Answers



# Thank you!

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