

## Review of 2022, thanks and appeal for donations to everyone

who has already been on the road with “Solibus”, still wants to be on the road and feels connected to us

### Dear friends, family and colleagues!

Solibus has been going to places for a good 3 ½ years to enable people to be part of a political discourse in public spaces.

**Despite some major differences in perspectives, opinions, life models, etc., there are many who, in common concern, try to overcome their own, among other things, “socialized” reservations. This can be a step towards rethinking views about others or minorities and taking small steps towards each other.**

It is not easy to put into words our gratitude for the last more than three years, for your material and mental support.

**Without you the Solibus wouldn't roll. ... no, without you the Solibuses wouldn't roll, but more on that later...**

We are simply grateful and humble enough to know that we are only a small part of the bigger picture. But we also know that we were psychologically important for many in the emancipatory movement - on tours, in actions and beyond.

It is becoming more and more understood that we are not a service company and that you cannot book us. But you can only request us. We drive everything that corresponds to our and the association's self-understanding. We have a socio-political attitude that is also expressed in our trips and activities.

Solibus and its possible uses in campaigns and trips were again in great demand in 2022.

A big focus was the trips to the Polish-Ukrainian border. With our self-understanding we focused on groups and people exposed to a wide variety of discrimination. Trying to reach them at the borders and take them with us.

Other focal points and topics of the Solibus included climate justice, anti-racist and anti-fascist trips as well as integration into climate and other justice camps.

Since we cannot list all of the Solibus operations here, please take a look at our website [www.solibus.org](http://www.solibus.org).

There you can surf and browse through the stored archives, listing trips for the last three and a half years.

The acceptance and understanding of the Solibus project is increasing. Thus, we had to cancel many requests and increasingly think about a second Solibus and not just thoughts...

**Thanks to your enormous willingness to donate and the larger donations from Civilfleet-Support e.V. and BetweenBridges, we have been in action with a second solidarity bus since the end of June!**

The new Solibus cost us around €200,000. We had to complete the purchase by the end of May, but we were still missing a larger sum. Civilfleet-Support e.V. helped Solibus with a large donation so that we could make the purchase perfect.

So in July we were able to set off for the Transborder Camp near Nantes/France. With two busy Solibuses and our large luggage trailer fully loaded with kitchen equipment. With both Solibuses we were able to be part of the Endegelände climate camp and the mass action in the greater Hamburg area. With both busy Solibuses to the 30th anniversary of the pogroms in Rostock, etc.

**Due to our climate policy demands, the Solibus should generally be used at at least two thirds of its capacity.**

We are therefore currently in the process of thinking about a third small Solibus. This bus would be suitable for providing shuttle services at camps. Also, to avoid joining with a large Solibus for small groups.

**And – shortly before this annual report was sent out – the opportunity arose at short notice to auction a large book bus (15 meters). We got it for €16,500! the surcharge.**

**During our trips to the Ukrainian border, there were constant requests and ideas for a local bus, including as a medical or infrastructural point of contact.**

**This bus meets all the requirements to complement us at camps and other operations as a contact point, as a press bus, as a campaign bus, for workshops or exhibitions and much more...**

Therefore, the call for donations that occurs at the end of the annual report is currently aimed at refinancing this bus!!!

And we are still looking for a **parking space for the buses and the equipment** (preferably in Berlin/Kreuzberg or nearby ;) where we can occasionally do small bus repairs and one or two fun workshops. Or at least a parking space for our luggage tags and ski cases, which may be easier to implement. We're looking forward to receiving information!

Please get in touch if you would like to be on our **supporter list** at [www.soli-bus.org](http://www.soli-bus.org) (at “support”). We barely “recruited” for this list, so it’s still quite empty. Although we are sure that there are many more supporters :-).

If you donated in 2022, you will of course receive your **donation receipts** at the beginning of 2023. For this we need your postal and email address! Please send them to [info@soli-bus.org](mailto:info@soli-bus.org).

**Once again, many thanks to you and all of you who have supported and are supporting “Solibus”! Without you, Solibus wouldn't roll.**

... and finally our recurring call: Keep supporting us!

**From very small to very large, every contribution is a part of the whole!**

**By telling us about Solibus, forwarding the appeal and supporting us financially. You will enable the solidarity financing of trips and the repayment of the remaining loans.**

With the donations received over the last three years, we have been able to maintain the Solibus project well.

In this way, compared to the calculation of a normal bus operation, we were able to significantly relieve the financial resources of various emancipatory movements.

We wish you all the best, health and happiness!

Greetings in solidarity and see you again in the new year!

Your Solibus comrades

**Mobile together for a world of solidarity!**

Solibus e.V.

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