Public vehicle tenders in Europe, January 2026: 941 contract awards on TED, 5 naming a Chinese maker

Contract award notices for motor vehicles that public buyers in Europe published in TED from 1 January 2026 to 31 January 2026. All seven vehicle categories; each figure is counted from the notices' own fields.

Award notices	Name a winner	Firm contract value	Name a Chinese maker
941	**829**	**€644 m**	**5**
first month of the series	88.1 % of the awards	607 awards with a firm value	0.6 %

Key points

- 941 contract award notices for motor vehicles in January 2026; 829 name a winner.
- Most awards by vehicle category: emergency and police vehicles 232, other and unspecified vehicles 231, municipal vehicles 148; by buyer country: Germany 157, Poland 141, Spain 89.
- 5 awards name a Chinese maker among the winners: Yutong, BYD, Zhongtong, Higer, King Long.
- Firm contract value of 607 awards: €644 m; the largest, €31.7 m, went to ЧЕРИЪТ МОТОРС АД, ФЕНИКС ХИЛ ЕООД and others.

Award notices per month on TED, all vehicle categories, January 2026 to January 2026: 941 in January 2026

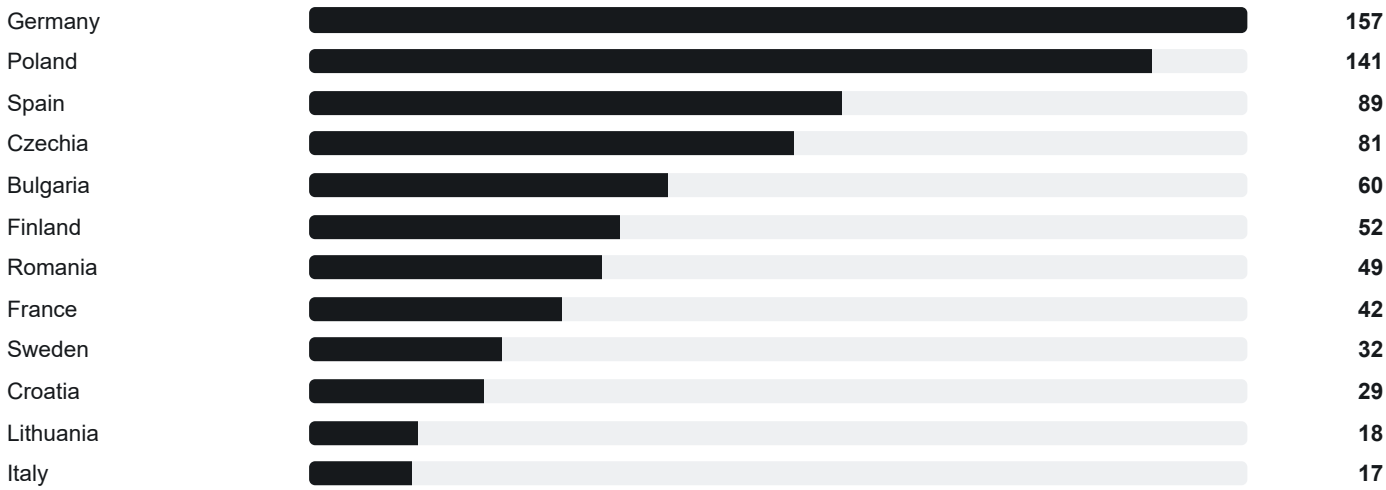


The highlighted bar is this report's month. Award notices that name a Chinese maker are in the tables below.

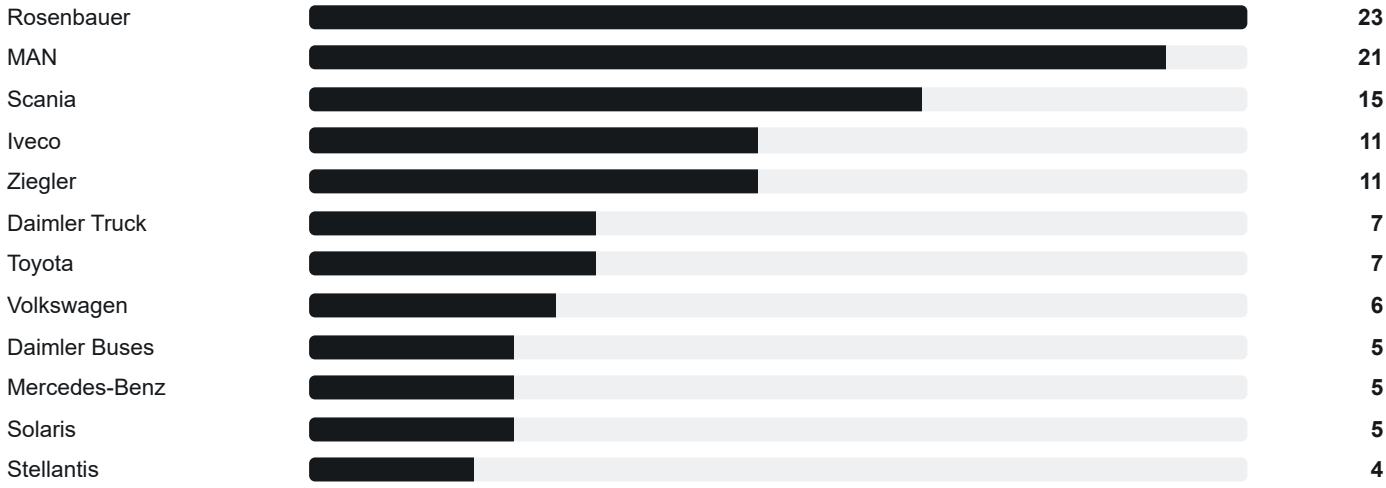
Award notices by vehicle category, January 2026

Category	Awards	Share
Emergency and police vehicles	232	24.7 %
Other and unspecified vehicles	231	24.5 %
Municipal vehicles	148	15.7 %
Passenger cars	137	14.6 %
Medium and heavy trucks	90	9.6 %
Buses	88	9.4 %
Light commercial vehicles	15	1.6 %

Award notices by buyer country, January 2026 (top 12)



Award notices by maker named among the winners, January 2026 (top 12)



139 of the 829 notices that name a winner name a maker on our list; the others went to dealers, body builders or makers not on the list. Chinese makers are marked in colour.

Contract awards naming a Chinese maker, January 2026: 5

Published	Type	Award	Chinese maker	Notice on TED
20/01/2026	Buses (unspecified)	Barraqueiro Transportes, S. A. (Portugal) awarded buses to YUTONG SPAIN HOLDCO SL. Contract value: €13.6 m.	**Yutong**	04/BT/2025 (39761-2026)
12/01/2026	Motor vehicles (unspecified)	Transports de Barcelona, SA (Spain) awarded vehicles to BYD Europe, BV and Ebusco, BV. Contract value: €21.9 m for the whole notice.	**BYD**	Autobuses estándar eléctricos AMB (15542-2026)
12/01/2026	City buses	Deutsche Bahn AG Konzernleitung (Bukr 10) (Germany) awarded a framework agreement for city buses to Zhongtong Bus (Europe) GmbH, Byd Europe B.V., MAN Truck & Bus Deutschland GmbH and 3 more. 4 lots.	**BYD, Zhongtong**	Rahmenvereinbarungen Linienomnibusse 2027ff (18773-2026)
08/01/2026	Electric buses	СТОЛИЧЕН ЕЛЕКТРОТРАНСПОРТ ЕАД (Bulgaria) awarded electric buses to Хайгър Бус Кампъни Лтд., ЧЕРИЪТ МОТОРС АД and ФЕНИКС ХИЛ ЕООД. Contract value: €31.7 m for the whole notice. 2 lots.	**Higer**	Доставка на електробуси (10224-2026)

Published	Type	Award	Chinese maker	Notice on TED
02/01/2026	Electric buses	Alcaldía del Ayuntamiento de Medina del Campo (Spain) awarded electric buses to KL BUSES, S.L. Contract value: €235,700.	**King Long**	Suministro de un vehículo eléctrico financiado con fondos de la Unión Europea NextGeneration-EU en el marco … (1554-2026)

The 10 largest contract awards by firm value, January 2026

Rank	Published	Type	Award	Notice on TED
1	08/01/2026	Electric buses	СТОЛИЧЕН ЕЛЕКТРОТРАНСПОРТ ЕАД (Bulgaria) awarded electric buses to Хайгър Бус Кампъни Лтд., ЧЕРИЪТ МОТОРС АД and ФЕНИКС ХИЛ ЕООД. Contract value: €31.7 m for the whole notice. 2 lots.	Доставка на електробуси (10224-2026)
2	20/01/2026	Police cars	División Económica y Técnica (Cuerpo Nacional de Policía) (Spain) awarded police cars to Banco Santander. Contract value: €28.5 m. Rental or leasing.	Contratación del suministro en régimen de arrendamiento (renting) de 570 turismos radio patrulla tipo "Z" (39868-2026)
3	27/01/2026	Motor vehicles (unspecified)	Министерство на вътрешните работи (Bulgaria) awarded vehicles to БОХЕМИЯ ЕКИПАУТО ООД. Contract value: €27.9 m.	"Закупуване на нови, неупотребявани моторни превозни средства (МПС) за нуждите на СДВР и ОДМВР" по три обосо… (59815-2026)
4	12/01/2026	Motor vehicles (unspecified)	Transports de Barcelona, SA (Spain) awarded vehicles to BYD Europe, BV and Ebusco, BV. Contract value: €21.9 m for the whole notice.	Autobuses estándar eléctricos AMB (15542-2026)
5	07/01/2026	Refuse trucks	I/S REFA (Denmark) awarded refuse trucks to EJNER HESSEL A/S. Contract value: €19.3 m (143,992,930 DKK).	Udbud af renovationsbiler (7714-2026)
6	29/01/2026	Electric buses	Gmina Olsztyn (Poland) awarded electric buses to Solaris Bus & Coach Sp. z o.o. Contract value: €14.7 m (61,733,897 PLN).	Dostawa autobusów elektrycznych wraz z ładowarkami (65880-2026)
7	08/01/2026	Electric buses	Gmina Wałbrzych - Miasto na Prawach Powiatu (Poland) awarded electric buses to Daimler Buses Polska Sp. z o. o. Contract value: €13.7 m (57,807,540 PLN).	Dostawa autobusów elektrycznych zasilanych wodorem (7955-2026)
8	20/01/2026	Buses (unspecified)	Barraqueiro Transportes, S. A. (Portugal) awarded buses to YUTONG SPAIN HOLDCO SL. Contract value: €13.6 m.	04/BT/2025 (39761-2026)
9	15/01/2026	Electric buses	Municipiul Craiova (Romania) awarded electric buses to KARSAN OTOMOTIV SANAYI VE TICARET A.S. Contract value: €11.3 m (57,750,000 RON).	Achiziție 22 Autobuze electrice noi de călători, operabile în condiții de ses, 22 stații de încărcare lentă … (30150-2026)
10	16/01/2026	Fire engines	Beredskab og Sikkerhed - Randers Favrskov Djursland I/S (Denmark) awarded fire engines to COPENHAGEN GLOBAL A/S. Contract value: €11 m (81,843,080 DKK).	EU-udbud på levering af lastbilschassiser med drejestige (33552-2026)

Framework agreements state a ceiling, not a purchase, and are left out, as are amounts most likely typed in the wrong unit. The value is that of the whole notice.

Sources and method

- Source: TED (Tenders Electronic Daily), the online version of the Supplement to the Official Journal of the EU, read through its public search API. Contract award notices (eForms “can-standard” and earlier award notices) and contract notices still open for tenders (“cn-standard”).
- Scope: notices carrying a CPV code for motor vehicles (341…, 3414…); TED also returns the codes below each one. A notice is placed by its most specific code, so an ambulance code wins over a passenger-car code; a notice that names only an unspecified type (motor vehicles, special-purpose or electric vehicles) stays in “Other and unspecified vehicles”, and notices are not reclassified from their text. Each category page lists its codes. Every award is kept from 2024 for buses and from 2026 for the other categories; awards naming a Chinese maker are kept from 2024 in every category. Buyers outside Europe (EU-funded aid purchases) are left out, and so are notices whose main contract nature is services or works (bus line concessions, school transport, hire with driver): they carry vehicle codes but buy no vehicle.
- Chinese makers are matched by name in the winner field: BYD, Yutong, King Long, Golden Dragon, Higer, Zhongtong, CRRC, Foton, Ankai, Skywell, Maxus, Dongfeng, MG, Chery, Geely, Great Wall, Leapmotor, XPeng, Sinotruk and JAC. A dealer counts when it carries the brand's name or where a TED notice ties it to the maker (KL Buses for King Long); a consortium or subcontracting maker is added where the notice names it as part of the winning party.

- Amounts are copied from the notice: the total value of the notice, or the one tender's value when there is exactly one tender and one winner. Values of 0 or below €1,000, which buyers enter to keep a value undisclosed, are left out. Other currencies are converted at the ECB euro reference rate of the publication day. An amount of €1 bn or more, or one far above what any vehicle of the type costs per counted vehicle, is most likely typed in the wrong unit: it is shown as published with a note and left out of totals and rankings. A unit price outside the plausible range for its vehicle type is not shown.
- Vehicle counts are taken only from the quantity field of single-lot notices that state a whole number of pieces; multi-lot notices often put the number of lots there, and many notices give the count only in the text, so most rows show none. A corrected notice republished under a new number replaces the earlier one.
- Each sentence in the lists is built from the notice's own fields; nothing is translated or summarised. Read the notice on TED for the full text.

Source: TED, the procurement journal of the European Union, contract award notices for motor vehicles; counted and compiled by China Car Index. Data as of 17 November 2026.
Online edition with links to every notice: https://chinacarindex.com/tenders/reports/2026-01