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Keolis' remote management activities

- Public transport operator,
- Operating autonomous vehicles since 2016 (L3) and 2022 (L4)
- 178 000 km and 40 000 h
- 55 deployments in 13 countries























motors

7 vehicles tried in our Autonomous Mobility Test Site in Châteauroux (France)









+ Cross-functional (remote) technical assistance



No remote driving for cybersecurity reasons



Keolis' key lessons learned

• Safety is #1 priority – L4 vehicles are intensively trialled in our test site Responsibility is in the remote manager's hands (proper training, controlled latency...)

• Remote management has to be adapted to local regulations / laws ex : France : PACTE (experimentations, 1 manager per vehicle) / LOM (commercial operations, 1 for n)

• Locally-based remote management helps (better assistance for passengers, knowledge of the surroundings, easier and more efficient relationships with field agents)

Standards need to be set to reach interoperability (API integration)

 Mental overload and visual fatigue should be taken into account in IHM interfaces design and tasks/system/process definition

 Passenger information support and reinsurance is essential, including adapted and high quality direct vocal relationship



Keolis' short term perspective / challenges

• MACH2 project: L4, 6m electrical and wheelchair-accessible buses, open road city-centre, regular line integrated in the public transport network of Châteauroux (France), operations in 2026-2027

\$\top\connectivity with high priority vehicles, traffic lights and infrastructure

Integration of L4 Fleet Management System functionalities in the current bus network FMS-PIS software

- New design for our remote management centre
- Integration of multi-constructors/AD providers fleet in L4 remote management
- Capitalization on automated metro control centres expertise (ergonomics, process...) to better limit cognitive overload and improve awareness
- Enhance user experience and acceptability thanks to users workshops and feedback



