

in brief

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Arriva entered the German public transport market, the largest in Europe, when it acquired rail operator Prignitzer Eisenbahn Gruppe (PEG) in April 2004.

History

Arriva entered the German market in 2004 with the acquisitions of rail operators Prignitzer Eisenbahn and Regentalbahn.

It entered the bus market with its acquisition of Autobus Sippel in 2005 and strengthened its position by acquiring Verkehrsbetriebe Bils, Osthannoversche Eisenbahnen, Neißeverkehr and Südbrandenburger Nahverkehrs GmbH.

Arriva has grown into one of the biggest public transport companies in Germany. It also owns Neustrelitz-based bus company B.B.-Reisen / B.B.-Touristik and Arriva Werke Nord, one of the biggest private rail workshops in Germany.

The market

The tendering of regional rail passenger services by federal states is well established with 20 per cent of the regional rail network now competitively tendered by regional authorities, however services are still dominated by the state-owned operator.

Arriva's rail passenger activities are in 10 federal states. The concessions have been awarded through a competitive tendering process by local states or transportation authorities, with responsibility for funding and procurement of regional railway services.

The highly regulated bus market is almost three times as big as that of the UK. It is hugely fragmented and dominated by public sector companies, including the state-owned operator.

There is much exciting potential for future growth, in both bus and rail, in this emerging market.

Osthannoversche Eisenbahnen AG (OHE)

Arriva acquired a majority stake in OHE in 2007. Based in Celle, it provides transport in Lower Saxony. OHE operates bus services in and around Hannover, Braunschweig, Bremen and Hamburg and is a shareholder in metronom which operates five passenger rail franchises.



Prignitzer Eisenbahn GmbH (PEG)

PEG runs rail services in the federal states of Berlin, Brandenburg, Northrhine-Westphalia and cross border services to the Netherlands.

PEG also owns a 50 per cent stake in Ostdeutsche Eisenbahn GmbH (ODEG) which operates train services in Berlin, Brandenburg and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

In 2007 PEG acquired B.B.-Reisen / B.B.-Touristik which operates bus services in Neustrelitz in Mecklenburg Vorpommern.

Regentalbahn AG – Die Länderbahn

Regentalbahn is based in eastern Bavaria. The business provides regional passenger rail services in Bavaria, Thuringia and Saxony. It also operates rail services into the Czech Republic in co-operation with the Czech state railway.

In 2006 the business, working in a consortium with Austrian operator Salzburg AG, won the 12-year contract to operate services between Freilassing and Berchtesgaden from December 2009.

In 2007 the business began operating two new 10-year rail contracts in Bavaria (Munich-Hof-Furth im Wald-Prag and Munich-Oberstdorf-Lindau).

Autobus Sippel GmbH

Sippel's main activity is operating local bus services as a contractor to municipal clients. It also provides special scheduled services to private sector clients such as Frankfurt Airport. It operates throughout the Rhine-Main area, including in and around the cities of Frankfurt, Mainz and Wiesbaden.



In 2007 Sippel acquired 80 per cent of Neißeverkehr which provides urban and interurban bus services in the Neisse region including Spremberg, Forst and Guben. Situated in north east Germany near the Polish border, Neißeverkehr operates 32 lines, has 52 buses and 120 employees.

Südbrandenburger Nahverkehrs GmbH (SBN)

SBN provides bus services in the Oberspreewald-lausitz region in the south of Brandenburg. Arriva acquired SBN in August 2008 with 75 more buses and some 100 employees.

Verkehrsbetriebe Bils GmbH

Verkehrsbetriebe Bils (Bils) operates the majority of bus services in the Münsterland region, which include the cities of Münster, Warendorf and Hamm.

Arriva in Germany

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