

in brief

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Arriva entered the Hungarian and Slovakian transport markets in 2008.

History

Arriva entered the Hungarian and Slovakian bus markets in 2008 with the acquisition of 80 per cent of Interbus Invest, the holding company of Eurobus Invest (Eurobus).

In 2009 Arriva acquired the remaining 20 per cent stake in Interbus Invest securing full control and preparing the business for future growth as opportunities arise.

The market

In Hungary national government is responsible for regional **bus** transport, mainly provided by state-owned companies, which are starting to outsource services. Municipalities are responsible for local public transport. Contracts with exclusive rights are awarded via tender.

There has been no competitive tendering as yet in the **Hungarian rail market**.

Less than 5 per cent of the **Slovakian bus market** has been competitively tendered. Regions are responsible for public transport provision and funding. Contracts are between one and nine years in length, with exclusive rights.

The **rail market** has yet to begin the process of liberalisation, with central government responsible for rail provision and funding.

Bus

Eurobus

Eurobus provides regional, urban and contract bus operations in Hungary and Slovakia.



In Hungary it operates through VT-Transman, a joint venture regional, urban and contract bus operator.

In Slovakia, Arriva's Eurobus business owns 60 per cent of two businesses: SAD Nové Zámky in the south west of Slovakia and SAD Michalovce in the east of the country.

The remaining 40 per cent of each company is held by the Slovakian state. Its intention to dispose of its stakes in the Slovenská Autobusová Doprava (SAD) companies represents a potential opportunity for us to increase our presence.



Arriva in Hungary and Slovakia

The combined business operates 720 buses and has 1,250 employees.

Related websites (in Hungarian):

www.eurobus.hu
www.vt-transman.hu

Related websites (in Slovakian):

www.sadnz.sk
www.sadmi.sk

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