

# in brief

Arriva entered the Polish transport market in 2007.

Arriva was the first private sector company to operate passenger rail services in Poland.

## History

Arriva began operating passenger rail services in the Kujawsko Pomorskie region in north-west Poland in 2007 in the first private sector operated passenger rail contract of its type in Poland.

In 2010, the contract was re-won by Arriva for a further 10 years.

## The market

Regional authorities have the option of awarding **bus market** contracts by competitive tendering or direct award. The market is at an emerging liberalisation stage. Contracts are gross cost in city operations, ranging from two to six years.

The passenger **rail market** is dominated by companies formed from PKP, the state-owned railway company. PKP Intercity is a subsidiary of PKP SA and is the major inter-regional service provider. Regional services are mostly provided by PKP PR. The ownership of PKP PR was transferred to the regions at the end of 2008.

Regional rail provision has been devolved to the regions, with short, net cost contracts ranging from one to three years.

## Rail

Arriva operates passenger rail services in the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Voivodship (region) in northern Poland.

## December 2010

The business, operating as Arriva RP, secured a new 10-year contract, awarded in 2010, which extends the network to include a new line increasing Arriva's annual kilometres operated in Poland by up to 15 per cent for 2011. The company will also be investing in four new diesel trains within the next two years.

The 10-year contract is the first passenger rail contract awarded for such a long period in the country and provides an opportunity to build on Arriva's reputation for innovation in bringing private sector expertise to mainland European transport operations.



The rail contract services some 100 stations and in 2010 carried around three million passengers and operated around two million kilometres.

## Arriva in Poland

Arriva RP employs around 140 people and operates 20 train sets.

Related website (in Polish):

[www.arriva.pl](http://www.arriva.pl)

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