

# 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 followed by Regentalbahn in September 2004.

## History

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

It entered the bus market with its acquisition of Sippel in 2005 and later strengthened its position by acquiring Verkehrsbetriebe Bils and Neißeverkehr in 2006.

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

## The market

The tendering of regional rail passenger services by federal states is now well established and there are more than 20 rail operating companies in Germany, although services are still dominated by the state-owned operator.

Arriva's rail passenger activities are in 10 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 German bus market, like the rail sector, is evolving towards competitive tendering.

## Osthannoversche Eisenbahnen (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 operate four passenger rail franchises. It has also won a further rail contract in the region which starts next year.

## Prignitzer Eisenbahn Gruppe (PEG)

The company runs rail services in the federal states of Berlin, Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, Northrhine-Westphalia and cross border services to the Netherlands.

In 2007 PEG acquired BB Riesen which operates bus services in Neustrelitz in Mecklenburg Vorpommern. It has 70 employees and 20 buses.

## Regentalbahn

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 and Munich-Oberstdorf-Lindau).

## Sippel

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 43 lines, has 60 buses and more than 120 employees.

## Verkehrsbetriebe Bils

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

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