

A new contract for Arriva Slovakia starts today



1st July 2021

- **New 10-year contract for Arriva Slovakia starts 1st July 2021**
- **34 new buses to enter the fleet**
- **Sustainability and enhanced passenger service at the heart of Arriva's success**

Arriva Slovakia has today started a new 10-year contract in Trnava to provide public transport services in the western Slovakian city which is 47 km north-east of Bratislava. The contract win follows a competitive tender for a contract currently operated by Arriva Slovakia.

As part of the contract, Arriva intends to modernise its fleet of buses with 34 brand new vehicles and increase the number of low-floor accessible buses as well as focussing on improved environmental performance.

During 2021, 17 new buses will be put into operation in Trnava, with another 17 vehicles retrofitted to ensure much improved passenger experience and new safety features. The second phase of the fleet renewal happens in 2026 when a further 17 new vehicles enter the fleet and begin operations. This means over the first five years of the contract Arriva will have completed its vehicle upgrade programme in the region.

The new buses are efficient and more sustainable low emission Euro V1 standard. They will provide an enhanced experience for customers on-board, LCD information displays, free on-board WIFI and an audio information system to announce each individual stop. Each bus will also be equipped with on-board CCTV for safety reasons and a mechanical tilting platform for passengers with reduced mobility to make access with prams or wheelchairs much easier. Our drivers will also experience enhanced comfort with each bus providing an enclosed air-conditioned cabin with a designated area for issuing tickets.

Jana Siber, Arriva Group's Managing Director for Europe commented: "We are the strongest private bus operator in the Slovak Republic and I am proud that the team has secured this 10-year contract, which also represents an investment of EUR 8 million in fleet upgrades. We expect this

investment to make a difference to our passengers in the region who already know Arriva as an established operator”.

The new contract comes into effect July 1st, with the first new bus delivery taking place during July. Arriva will continue providing modern, safe and reliable transport for the people of Trnava across 13 routes with an annual output of more than one million kilometres.

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Left - Peter Nemeč CEO ARRIVA Trnava a.s. Right - Peter Bročka Mayor of the city Trnava