



# FROM CHINA TO EUROPE

BYD has been producing its electric buses in Hungary for European customers since 2017 and in France for the local market since 2018

The Chinese manufacturer BYD has managed to stand out and grow in the European bus market. From its arrival in Europe in 1999, it sold about 700 buses and then invested in production with the opening of two factories, one in Hungary and the other one in France.

The Komárom factory, located in northern Hungary, was inaugurated in April 2017 with an investment of 20 million euros. This is the first BYD electric bus factory in Europe as well as the first investment by a Chinese brand in new energies, always considering the European context.

The plant occupies an area of 60 thousand square meters. It is a well-structured plant consisting of five buildings, including a bat-

tery test and maintenance center. "300 people work there and up to 400 electric buses are assembled per year on two shifts", underlines BYD Europe.

In addition to electric-powered buses for the European market, all assembled on chassis coming from China, the Hungarian plant will also manufacture electric forklifts and trucks

and light commercial vehicles in accordance with the new business plan of the company. In 2018, BYD tested in Europe two prototype of electric trucks, a yard tractor designed for airport, port and distribution centers and a 7.5 ton electric truck. The launch is planned by the end of the year.

Going back to buses, the vehicles for the Dutch clients Connexion and Syntus and for the Swedish operator Nobina were manufactured at the Komárom plant. As part of the partnership between BYD and the British manufacturer Alexander Dennis (ADL), it is also manufacturing the 12-meter e-buses for the Zaventem airport in Brussels (30 buses were ordered, the first of which started to operate last March) and chassis for the United Kingdom.

BYD Europe's second factory is located in Beauvais, in northern France. It serves mainly as an assembly plant for the local market and since its opening in November 2018, it has delivered electric buses to three cities in France. The capacity is around 200 vehicles per year in this first stage.

In Europe, BYD electric buses have been sold in more than twenty countries spread in about seventy cities.

In January 2019, the 20th anniversary of



## THE CHINESE COLOSSUS BYD

Build Your Dreams. From the initials of these three words, was created the name BYD Company Limited, a company based in Shenzhen, a modern metropolis of south-eastern China.

Listed on the Hong Kong and Shenzhen Stock Exchange, BYD is a high-tech multinational company that employs 220,000 people in the automotive, energy, electronics and rail transit sectors.

Since its entry in the bus

sector, the company has delivered more than 50,000 fully electric-powered vehicles.

The 12-meter BYD K9 is the first electric bus

that was put into commercial operation in Shenzhen at the beginning of 2011. In April of this year, the Chinese manufacturer presented



the longest electric bus in the world: a fully-electric double-decker bus which is 27 meters long. It is unique in its kind.