

# ELECTRIC BUSES IN BULGARIA

For the modernization of public transport in Varna and Burgos, a purchase of 116 electric buses is planned in the next three years

The modernization plan for city transport in Bulgaria continues as part of the '2014-2020 Operational Programme Environment (OPE)'. A contract was recently signed in Varna, one of Bulgaria's main harbour which was renamed as the 'Pearl of the Black Sea' for its crystal clear waters and wide stretches of sand. The contract is aimed at the purchase of 60 electric buses for public transport in the municipality of Varna. The contract includes the supply and installation of 60 slow charging stations as well as a station for fast charging of vehicles.

The implementation period is expected to be 39 months.

With this project, local authorities expect that the amount of fine dust (PM10) emitted at the source will be reduced by one ton per year to the benefit of over 340 thousand residents.

The Minister of Environment and Water, Neno Dimov, has also signed a contract in Burgos, an industrial and tourist center in Bulgaria with about 200 thousand inhabitants, for the improvement of air quality. The focus is also here on zero-emission mobility with electric buses:

up to 56 vehicles are expected to be purchased with the related charging infrastructures and additional equipment. In this case, the amount of PM10 would be reduced by almost 4 tons per year.

The deadline for the implementation of the new electric fleet is 24



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Up to now, eight contracts have been concluded for the modernization of city transport in Bulgaria for a total of 463 million Bulgarian leva (BGN) provided by the OPE as part of the procedure 'Measures addressing transport as a source of air pollution'. ●