

LESS ELECTRIC BUSES FOR CHINA

The number of electric buses in China is always large, but the reduction of state investments is felt. Hydrogen is the future

Setback, in China, for electrically powered buses. In 2017, the sector, which has been growing exponentially in the last five years, recorded a 23% drop with 89,546 units sold compared to 115,700 in 2016. The causes have been several, but especially the policies adopted by the national and local Chinese governments as far as subsidies for electric buses is concerned carry weight. “The

production and sale of electric vehicles have been deeply influenced by the government’s policy and subsidy structure,” pointed out CleanTechnica.com website, which is specialized in clean technologies. “In 2017 it was revealed that, in 2018, subsidies would be significantly reduced, which created a strong increase in demand at the end of the year”.

The Chinese electric bus market is still dominated

by two big companies: Yutong and BYD. The first is the largest bus manufacturer in the country while the second is the leading electric bus manufacturer.

As far as 2018 forecasts is concerned, CleanTechnica.com informs that the Chinese electric bus market will undergo some big changes. Hydrogen-powered electric buses will also be a growing trend as Chinese governments have begun to provide increasing support and subsidies to this industry.

