

VSE MADE A NEXT STEP TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF E-MOBILITY

After installing the first charging station in the Slovak Republic VSE will begin to use the first electric car

Východoslovenská energetika a.s. (VSE) included an electric car Peugeot iOn into its car pool. The Chief Executive Officer of VSE Norbert Schürmann symbolically took over the keys from the first sold passenger car of this brand with solely electric drive from the Sales Director of Peugeot Slovensko Matúš Paľa. After putting the first public charging station in Slovakia in operation and purchase of the electric car VSE continues in further steps leading to complex development of e-mobility in the Slovak Republic.

Real operation

VSE plans to drive with the car at least 20 thousand kilometers in the city during the following year. **"Our ambition is to drive as many kilometers as possible, so that we test this new concept of city mobility in the real operation,"** declared N. Schürmann. Several organization units of VSE will use the car. You will see in it employees when replacing the electric meters, couriers of internal post and employees handling the most versatile business matters within Košice.

Offer

"We assume that the broad public will be interested in this car. We will provide test drives primarily to our partners, e.g. from the Technical University in Košice, from the city of Košice or to important customers," informed N. Schürmann. VSE also expects that the experts, media or potential customers will be interested in presentation of experience with this kind of transport as well. Therefore VSE plans to publish regularly continuous news about the car operation at its website. **"We are glad that our first sold electric car obtained a partner who means it seriously with electromobility and deals with it comprehensively,"** stated M. Paľa.

Support from the city

"In the management of the city of Košice we welcome such project of VSE as a significant contribution to the ecologization of the transport in our city that concerning the emissions is one of the three most attacked cities in Slovakia. I am convinced that this first instance will be followed by others very soon because our common responsibility for the condition of the environment must not stay only on the paper but it has to become a daily part of our decisions and actions. Therefore we will support every such accomplishment and we thank VSE for being a pioneer of e-mobility not only in our city but in the entire Slovakia as well," said the mayor of Košice Richard Raši at the meeting.

100 % real, 100 % electric

"Peugeot iOn is easily maneuverable, silent, safe, comfortable and brings new experience when driving in the city," stressed M. Paľa. The immediate availability of the maximum torque provides efficient and linear acceleration. **"When estimating the average operational cost from 1.50 to 2.0 € for 100 km the invoice of the Peugeot iOn for energy is invincible without taking into consideration the used kind of charging,"** remarked M. Paľa.

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Commitments

By including the electric car into the car pool VSE fulfills its commitments from the end of the year 2010. At that time VSE undertook to support the development of e-mobility in several ways. It is planned to build charging stations on the track Košice - Bratislava, to organize the round-table discussion or introducing a special tariff rate for electricity sales for this type of vehicles. Currently there are negotiations ongoing with several potential partners about building a charging infrastructure.

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