

Karlovy Vary, 18 December 2013

One of the first new Euro VI model Crossway buses will operate in the Karlovy Vary District

One of the first Iveco Bus Crossway buses fitted with the Euro VI engine was officially handed over to the company LIGNETA autobusy s.r.o. on Wednesday, 18 December 2013 in Karlovy Vary before the Karlovy Vary District Office. The new 12 metre long intercity bus Crossway LINE Euro VI with the Tector 7 engine will operate on the Karlovy Vary region services and will offer passengers extraordinarily high levels of quality, comfort and design.

The world premiere of the Crossway Euro VI bus was in October at the Busworld trade show in Kortrijk, Belgium, and as of December, the first of the new buses will roll off the assembly line in Vysoké Mýto. Iveco Bus Sales Director for Central and Eastern European markets Jan Kimla says of the new buses: "Even before being launched, the Crossway model was a leader in its category and the new models will strengthen this position even more thanks to the new engines and numerous significant enhancements to the exterior and interior. Iveco Bus has optimised the length and the capacity of each model range. The entire drivetrain is unique as is its operational efficiency and service life. Interior noise levels have been cut by up to half and ride comfort has been increased. The new engines have a greater displacement, more power and more torque. In order to meet the Euro VI regulations, the engines use Hi-eSCR technology, a highly efficient selective catalytic reduction system which achieves optimum engine combustion and reduction of CO₂ emissions."

"The Crossway LINE Euro VI bus with the Tector engine of 7 litres and 235 kW (320 HP), which will operate on our routes, has seating capacity for 49 passengers who will enter and exit the bus through two single-wing doors (front and centre). Besides the drivetrain, the exterior design has also changed compared to the original model – among other things, the bus has new front and rear panels. The positive changes affect not only the passengers but also other users of the road - upper directional and brake lights on the rear of the body help to reduce the risk of collision from behind in the event of sudden braking. The driver also will have better conditions - the driver's workplace in the Crossway Euro VI bus is already regarded as the best ergonomic space dedicated to the driver and compared to the of Euro V range, it is up to 10 cm longer. Our bus has even more individual improvements for the driver." says Petr Schmid, LIGNETA autobusy s.r.o.







Karlovy Vary Region was represented by Vice-President Ing. Petr Navratil, according to which strengthening the LIGNETA's wehicle fleet especially appreciate the residents of Ostrov. "We are pleased that the public transport services in our region is further more modernized and our passengers will have the opportunity to use the modern Iveco Bus Crossway. The bus should be used by people in the area of Ostrov, Kyselka and Bochov," said Petr Navratil, Vice-President of Karlovy Vary region. Karlovy Vary District was represented also by President PaedDr. Josef Novotný, Mgr. Vladimír Malý, Head of the Department of Transport for the District and Director of KIDS KK PhDr. Ing. Zdeněk Kusý as well.

Iveco Bus in the Czech Republic

The largest production plant for Iveco Bus is the plant in Vysoké Mýto. The company Iveco Czech Republic continues an 85 year tradition of bus manufacturing in the town and the 118 year history of the company founded by Josef Sodomka. The company, known since 1948 by the name Karosa, began focusing on bus production in the second half of the 1940s and is associated with a number of successful and now legendary vehicles. This includes the 706 RTO buses, as well as the ŠM, ŠL, ŠD, 700 and 900 series. These successful models have been followed up by the Crossway series of buses – the most successful intercity bus today. This production plant has so far produced more than 15,000 Crossway buses. Today the company, known since 2007 as Iveco Czech Republic, exports more than 90% of its production to 30 countries around the world. The company is a major employer in the region – generating about 3,000 jobs directly in the Czech Republic and also creates more jobs among its domestic suppliers. In 2012, Iveco Czech Republic produced 2,773 buses. It ranks among the top 100 of income tax payers in the Czech Republic.

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