

Good news for European passengers: LEO Express obtained permission for Kraków – Prague route

October 13th, 2017: By decision of the President of UTK to grant open access on the Krakow - Prague route, LEO Express has become Poland's first private carrier, which will operate long-distance trains on Polish trains. This is next important step to launch regular LEO Express trains on the route from Kraków to Prague. At the same time it is a historic moment for polish passengers.

Passengers will receive international rail connections to the Czech Republic: the actual offer on this route will be extended - all without any outlay from public funds. Poles will join the Swedes, Brits, Czechs, Germans, Slovaks, Austrians and Italians, who have been able to benefit from rail competition and the development of passenger rail transport- claims Peter Köhler, chairman of LEO Express.

In Poland, the average number of journeys per capita, although with an upward trend, is still around 50% of the level achieved in some European countries. New players on the market have the potential to further increase the number of rail passengers, the number of connections, growth of innovation, and improve the service standard for current and new rail customers.

Carrier prepares to enter the polish railways.

LEO Express moved on to the next stage of efforts to start transporting Polish tracks.. In order for the black and gold trains of the carrier to enter the railways, last technical and formal preparations are necessary. The company probably within couple of weeks will announce the date of commencement of transport in Poland.

It is news even on a European scale. Thanks to the efforts of the EU, there are operating several commercial carriers together with a state carrier on the markets of individual countries. It involves a lot of new challenges. We are glad that Polish authorities care about development of international connections and expanding the offer - explains the management of LEO Express Polska Mr. Peter Jančovič-

Network of railway and bus connections

The intention of LEO Express is to create a well-connected cross-border connection network in Central Europe, which connects rail, coaches, and door-to-door transport using small buses. LEO Express coaches already connect more than 40 Polish cities, for example Kraków with Ustka, Warsaw with Kielce and Krakow, or Katowice with Łódź and Gdańsk. In addition, thanks to the network of bus and rail connections, the company now provides transport with more than 25 European cities.

The carrier sees great opportunities, especially in the development of international railway services, which have enormous potential. By far the largest share in international carriage of people is maintained by road transport: car and coach. Creating an open market gives the opportunity to launch new connections in international rail transport and to gain additional,

completely new passengers for railways, and also to support the idea of sustainable and eco-friendly mobility

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LEO Express is a private, Czech-Polish-Slovakian carrier, which has been carrying passenger on main railway routes in Czech Republic and Slovakia since 2012 in its own modern electric trainsets. The carrier also has a network of bus lines linked to railway lines that connects 7 countries such as: Austria, Germany, Hungary, Ukraine. More than 20 buses operates in Warsaw, Lodz, Wroclaw, Katowice, Krakow, Rzeszów, Lwów, Mukachevo, Munich, Salzburg, Linz and Vienna. The philosophy of the company is transport of people, which does not start at the stop, but they can make the journey from door to door - using dedicated busses in some cities. Recently - in 2017 - the company took over the German railway carrier Locomore and launched transport between Berlin and Stuttgart. LEO Express is the CEO of Peter Köhler and founder Leo Novotný.