

Czech Green Mobility Newsletter 2Q 2013

Government

The Czech Republic will support CNG buses

May 2013, Ministry of Environment

The Ministry of Environment will open a call within the Operational Programme Environment (OPE) which will be targeted at the purchase of public-transport buses with CNG drives and construction of CNG filling stations. The call is due to be open in July this year and it will offer cash subsidies of up to CZK 1 billion (EUR 40 million). Aid will be available for projects in the Moravia-Silesia region, Ústí nad Labem region and the city of Brno. The forthcoming call is a pilot programme which is the result of discussions between the Ministry and the European Commission. However, the implementation of the programme is conditioned by the Commission's approval and its integration into activities supported within OPE. Miloš Křepelka, Director of the Department of Economic and Voluntary Instruments at the Ministry confirmed that the Ministry of Environment is in talks with the Commission and is maximising its efforts to gain the Commission's approval.

Vehicles

Nissan begins selling its new electric Leaf model in the Czech Republic

April 2013, Nissan Sales CEE

The Czech Republic is one of four countries in Central and Eastern Europe where Nissan has started selling its electric Nissan Leaf model. In the Czech Republic itself, sales commenced on 1 July 2013. Although the company is just finalising the selection of a sole importer of Leafs to the country, customers can buy it also from their Slovak, Polish and Hungarian counterparts. The new Leaf differs from the previous generation in more than 100 aspects, including a longer range, improved handling characteristics, faster charging and greater affordability.

Volkswagen introduces its alternative drive strategy for the Czech Republic

5 June 2013, Porsche Czech Republic

At the recent E-mobility conference, Volkswagen introduced its electric mobility strategy for the Czech Republic, which is part of the company's broader "Think Blue" strategy of alternative drives. According to this strategy, Volkswagen plans to become a leader on the e-mobility market in 2014. In the following year it will launch not only electric but also plug-in hybrid versions of its existing models. Other new technologies, presumably focused on hydrogen, are due to come out after 2020.

The first electric model to come to the Czech Republic will be the e-Up!, which is to be launched during the first quarter of 2014. Presales will start at the end of 2013. The electric Golf will be introduced in 2014, followed by the hybrid Golf and Passat in 2015.

Infrastructure

E-mobility on the rise in Prague

17 April 2013, Pražská energetika, a. s.

Interest in electric mobility in Prague is constantly growing. And it is also the reason why specialists from the energy provider Pražská energetika (PRE) are expanding the company's network of charging stations. Currently, PRE Group runs twenty eight stations in sixteen locations around Prague. Besides constructing new stations, PRE is also focusing on projects that support the use of electric cars. One of them involves establishment of a group of companies and institutions which should build up an "eco-sharing" network. Currently in the testing phase, the project has already been joined by Škoda Auto, Czech Railways and the Municipal Authority of the City of Prague.

Clean mobility flourishes in the Moravia-Silesia region and the city of Ostrava

16 May 2013, FUTUR/E/MOTION, ČEZ

In May, the Moravian-Silesian region and the city of Ostrava signed a memorandum of cooperation with ČEZ Group that officially integrates the region and the city into ČEZ Group's e-mobility project. The aim of cooperation is to support development of e-mobility in the northern Moravian-Silesian area. The signing was accompanied by the handover of electric Peugeot iOn cars to the new partners. The Moravian-Silesian region received two cars, the city of Ostrava one car. Development of electric mobility is one of the means of contributing the improvement of air quality in Moravian-Silesian region.

Events

CzechInvest at the E-mobility

4–5 June 2013, CzechInvest/Institute for International Research

The E-mobility conference, one of the leading green mobility events in the Czech Republic, took place in Prague on 4–5 June 2013 and CzechInvest was part of it. The conference, which was held under the auspices of the Ministry of Transportation, offered the most up-to-date information on the green mobility industry in the Czech Republic from both the private and public sectors. Partners of the conference were the E-mobility Union and the Electric Cars civic association.

The Czech Republic will be part of the Tallinn-Monte Carlo 2013 electric-car marathon

June 2013, ASEP

The second annual international EV marathon between Tallinn, Estonia, and Monte Carlo in Monaco will pass through the Czech Republic. The race is due to start in September this year and will pass through the cities of Hradec Králové and Brno, where the vehicles stop for a break. In total, the racers will travel 3,175 kilometres. More information is available at <http://electricmarathon.eu/>.

CZECHINVEST

Štěpánská 15
120 00 Praha 2

PHONE: +420 296 342 579

FAX: +420 296 342 502

E-MAIL: fdi@czechinvest.org

WEB: www.czechinvest.org

www.czechinvest.org