

ELECTROMOBILITY IS A WAY TO REDUCE CO₂ EMISSIONS

Concept of promoting e-mobility on Slovak roads

Action plan for effective introduction of the concept for the use of electric cars on Slovak roads was the main topic discussed at the first round-table of e-mobility initiated by Východoslovenská energetika a.s. (VSE) with seat in Košice. From the position of a leader in promoting e-mobility among the energy companies VSE offered to participants proposals how to involve the experts as well as laymen in spreading the concept of city transport.

Advantages of electromobility

The representatives of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic, representatives of self-administrations, of automobile industry and other who have influence on the happening not only in the field of transport met at the round-table. "Electromobility is one of the ways, too that can help to fulfill the goals of the EU member states to reduce the CO₂ emissions by 20 percent until 2020. I believe that everybody would have benefit, if electromobility found support on Slovak roads," commented the advantages the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of VSE Norbert Schürmann. His statement confirmed the Minister of Economy Juraj Miškov when expressing support for this innovative concept of city transport. "Electromobility takes into account the aspect of energy efficiency," added the Minister. Further bonuses offered by electromobility are silent operation of the car, low operational cost – less than 2 Euros for 100 kilometers, low cost for service and a possibility to charge the electric car at home as well.

Bratislava milestone of e-mobility

The Minister Juraj Miškov at the same time thanked VSE for installing the 1. public charging station for electric cars in Bratislava. The Minister designated the ceremonial initial operation of the station on May 31, 2011 as an important milestone in solving CO₂ emission reduction. The Ministry of Transport offered help as well. The General Manager of the Section road transport, roads and investment projects Milín Kaňuščák informed that since the first electric car was put in operation in February this year it was possible to register further four cars for Slovak roads.

Solutions

The participants discussed further the proposals coming from VSE how to help promoting e-mobility in Slovakia. From free parking for electric cars throughout a possibility to favor the owners of vehicles with electric drive, increased initiative of cities and municipalities in building charging stations or reserving spaces with an access exclusively for electric cars up to including e-mobility in the concept of transport and development of the mobility in Slovakia. The participants agreed on elaboration of a common action plan that will be a starting point for all interested parties when searching for possibilities to support e-mobility within their field of action. By the end of year they will meet at the next round-table with specific proposals to support electromobility on Slovak roads.

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