



Press Release

EPTO elects new President and Vice-President

During its last General Assembly the members of the European Passenger Transport Operators (EPTO) have elected Piers Marlow from Arriva as their President and John Birtwistle of First Group as their Vice-President.

The members thanked outgoing President Michel Quidort for his successful work, efforts and support to make the private transport sector voice heard.

Piers Marlow: "Challenging times are ahead in 2014 and following years. The new Parliament and the new European Commission will have to deal with many relevant issues on the EU agenda: One of them for example being the further liberalisation of rail passenger markets, others being planned and potential changes to the Public Service Regulation 1370/2007, but we see many more important issues ahead."

John Birtwistle: " EPTO will have to make sure that the private transport operators continue to have a clear voice on all these items stressing the objectives of our members: Growth of a competitive public transport market based on high quality and good value for money."

Piers Marlow is Business Development Director of Arriva while John Birtwistle is Projects Director UK Bus at First Group . Both have wide and long-term experience in the passenger transport sector .

EPTO is the association of the European Passenger Transport Operators, whose members are the 8 largest public transport companies in Europe. Members operate a fleet of nearly 80.000 vehicles, employ 255,000 people and carry 12 billion passengers every year.

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