

Arad Transport Services before Privatization

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The transport services of the district and the City of Arad are supposed to be privatized soon. The leadership of the Arad District Council has decided this. Now there are discussions about the correct way to find a private investor who could take over the ailing concern and straighten it out. According to the Arad District Council Chairman IOSIF MAULA, the variant of listing on the Bucharest Stock Market BVB most probably will be chosen—the representatives of the Arad District Council now must decide on this.

It is a fact that the transport services have recorded a loss of altogether 8.5 billion ROL (old Lei, corresponding to about 1 EURO = 30,000 Lei) in the past year and the Arad District authorities had to subsidize the activity of the enterprise with 3.5 million RON (i.e. about 1 million EURO) in this year alone. With it of course, the question comes up (as in the case of the CRF-route closings in the Banat) whether any private investor at all is still interested in many overland routes of the state transport operation. Otherwise, routes in remote sections (for instance through the communities in the Zarander Mountains) probably have to be cancelled....

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