

## Press Release

### **IVECO BUS strengthens presence in Central Asia with major agreements in Uzbekistan**

*IVECO BUS advances its international expansion strategy with a major milestone in Central Asia, signing of two agreements in Uzbekistan for CKD production of the DAILY minibuses and nationwide distribution of its full portfolio.*

*Production is set to begin in May 2026.*

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IVECO BUS is strengthening its presence in Uzbekistan through two agreements covering CKD production of the DAILY minibuses and nationwide distribution of the IVECO BUS portfolio. Production, in partnership with Asaka Motors International LLC, is scheduled to begin in May 2026, while distribution will be managed by ASAKA EFVI TRUCK AND BUS JV LLC. The partners aim to sell 500 units in the first year, progressively increasing production and sales to 1,000 units annually within three years.

#### **An industrial project supporting local development**

CKD production represents a major milestone for Uzbekistan's industrial sovereignty and contributes to the emergence of a strong and sustainable national industrial ecosystem. The project reflects IVECO BUS's long-term commitment to sustainable mobility solutions and supports local industrial growth.

The initial production program will focus on the DAILY minibuses range, including both diesel and electric versions. By combining IVECO BUS's engineering expertise with local manufacturing capabilities, the project will support job creation, technical training, and skills transfer within Uzbekistan's automotive sector, fostering the country's industrial and technological development.

## Meeting growing demand for mobility solutions

Uzbekistan's economic growth and infrastructure development are driving rising demand for reliable, high-performance, and affordable passenger transport. The versatile DAILY minibus range is designed to meet diverse needs, including:

- Urban and intercity passenger transport
- Corporate and institutional fleets
- Tourism transport operations
- Shuttle services

Local assembly will ensure a competitive total cost of ownership, strong after-sales support, and optimized delivery times for customers.

In addition to diesel versions, IVECO BUS will introduce electric variants of the DAILY minibus as part of a progressive electrification roadmap. Over time, the manufacturer also plans to explore introducing its zero-emission bus range, aligned with Uzbekistan's environmental objectives, supported by pilot projects and strategic partnerships in major urban areas.

*"The agreements signed in Uzbekistan represent an important step in our international growth strategy. By establishing local CKD production and a robust distribution structure, we are building a solid foundation for long-term development in Central Asia,"* said Sascha Kaehne, IVECO BUS AMEA Bus Commercial Operations.

*"We are proud to collaborate with IVECO BUS to deliver advanced transport solutions in Uzbekistan. This partnership strengthens our industrial capabilities and supports the modernization of passenger mobility in the country,"* said Jalilov Avazbek, Chief Executive Officer, Asaka Motors International LLC.

Picture caption from left to right:

- 1-Lutfullaev Shakhriyor - Manager of Sales and Marketing Department
- 2-Batayev Davronbay - Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Asaka EFVI Truck and Bus
- 3-Irgashev Timur - Chief Executive Officer of Asaka EFVI Truck and Bus
- 4-Sascha Kaehne-IVECO BUS AMEA Bus Commercial Operations
- 5-Jalilov Avazbek - Chief Executive Officer of Asaka Motors International
- 6-Ahmet Örs – IVECO BUS Commercial and Operations Director - Turkey, Caucasus and Central Asia
- 7-Junwei Zhou - Advanced Platforms Manager
- 8- Alperen Ay – IVECO BUS Commercial and Tender Manager - Turkey, Caucasus and Central Asia

## IVECO BUS

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*With a worldwide presence and a leading position in Europe in sustainable public transport, IVECO BUS supports private transport operators and public transport authorities in their energy transition with a technology-neutral approach that includes all energies: biofuel, biomethane, battery electric and fuel cell technologies.*

*With an extensive service network, IVECO BUS guarantees worldwide assistance wherever an Iveco Bus vehicle is in operation.*

*In addition, IVECO BUS's **Energy Mobility Solutions** service and consulting offer provides customized support for the coordination of complex electrification projects.*

*A wide range of **IVECO ON** connected services, developed to optimise the operation and maintenance of all-energy vehicle fleets, completes IVECO BUS's comprehensive offering.*

*The company employs over 5,500 people and operates seven manufacturing plants in Europe and Latin America: Annonay and Rorthais in France, Vysoké Myto in the Czech Republic, Brescia and Foggia in Italy, Sete Lagoas in Brazil, and Córdoba in Argentina.*

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