



ARST HAS PURCHASED 210 UNITS OF THE I4 MODEL TO BE USED FOR SHORT AND MEDIUM DISTANCES

Sardinia welcomes Irizar i4 coaches

ARST, Sardinia's public passenger transport company, has chosen Irizar and its latest coach model to renew its fleet. The Italian operator has bought 210 Irizar i4 units, which will be manufactured at the Ormaiztegui headquarters in Spain.

On 15 September, the Sardinian authorities, accompanied by the IRIZAR top executive, unveiled the first units of this important order of Irizar i4 model coaches.

ARST, whose headquarters are in Cagliari, is the largest public passenger transport company in Sardinia. This company has a fleet of 470 buses and is currently immersed in a process to absorb the other public companies. At the end of this process, its fleet will have increased to 750 buses. As part of this process to redesign Sardinia's public transport, it should also be pointed out that ARST purchased a total of 109 urban buses during 2007

and at the same time, order 210 coaches from Irizar for intercity routes.

The island's geography means that large vehicle fleets are needed to serve passengers over short and medium distances for which the Irizar i4 has been designed and developed. This coach is positioned in key urban concentrations, both for regular and discretionary services, and expands and extends the Irizar product range.

With this order, Irizar will sell nearly 400 units of the Irizar i4 model in its first year. This operation is a further endorsement of the development and launch of the vehicle that hit the Spanish and Portuguese market in June 2007. In the international context, the Busworld Fair held in Kortrijk (Belgium) in October last was the setting where Irizar won this important contract and also obtained the first award as the Best European Multifunctional Coach 2007.

Sardinian dignitaries with Irizar's directors.
