

Keolis wins a new commuter rail contract in Germany and strengthens its position in mass transit

- ⊙ **Rhine Ruhr transport authority VRR and NWL name Keolis as preferred bidder to operate the commuter rail service in Rhine Ruhr metropolitan region, the largest in Germany with 11 million inhabitants**
- ⊙ **Through this new contract Keolis confirms its industrial expertise operating mass transit services**

Rhine-Ruhr transport authorities VRR and NWL named Keolis as preferred bidder on 7 July to operate future commuter rail services in Rhine-Ruhr's metropolitan region, the largest in Germany with 11 million inhabitants.

Formal award of the contract is subject to a 10-day standstill period, and Keolis is expected to take over from incumbent DB Regio in December 2019. Keolis was selected for the Lot A contract, which will run for 12 years and covers services which total 4.8 million train-km/year. The new contract will mainly provide services to cities around Dortmund.

Committed to increasing passenger satisfaction

Through this contract Keolis will focus on bringing its mass transit expertise to delivering an excellent level of service and improving passenger satisfaction. Timetables will be reviewed and services will operate at 15 or 30 min intervals, with more frequent services during the peaks.

Keolis continues to extend its footprint in Germany

This award follows two other major successes achieved by Keolis Deutschland in 2015: a new contract to operate the Teutoburger Wald train Network, which starts in December 2017, and the renewal of the Hellweg Netz rail contract, both in North Rhine-Westphalia region.

"We are honoured VRR chose us to operate this commuter service. Rhine Ruhr area includes cities that are very dense and we will draw from our expertise operating mass transit services around the world to improve the service and contribute to making the area more livable for citizens", comments Bernard Tabary, CEO International Keolis.

Keolis is one of the world's leading public transport operators. The company is majority owned (70%) by the French state railway SNCF, the other shareholder being Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ). Present in 16 countries* with 56,000 employees, Keolis develops tailored mobility solutions (automatic metros, tramways, trains, buses, coaches, ferries, self-service bicycles) adapted to local environments. The Group offers solutions and services via its subsidiary, Kisio. It is also the second leading car park operator in France thanks to its subsidiary EFFIA. In 2015, Keolis transported 3 billion passengers and generated 5 billion euros in revenue.

*Originally established in France, Keolis has expanded its operations to Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Germany, India, Middle East, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, UK and USA.

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