

Syntus Keolis Group in The Netherlands wins third contract in a row

- **A 10 year and 400 million euros contract for bus operations in one of the ten biggest Dutch municipalities**
- **An offer based on Almere principles and adapting to local needs**
- **Keolis strives for growth and expansion in the West Netherlands**

Today, 27 September, the municipality of Almere in The Netherlands awarded Syntus Keolis Group a 10-year and 400 million euros bus operations contract starting in December 2017. It is the third success in a row for Syntus, after winning two contracts in 2015. Formal award of the contract will take place in six weeks.

Almere is close to Amsterdam and has a population of about 200,000. It is one of the ten largest municipalities in The Netherlands and is expected to be the fifth largest city in the country by 2030. "We are pleased at being awarded this important contract in a city where mobility solutions have an important social and economic role to play. We believe with our worldwide experience we can bring additional value to the community and support to future public transport demands", said Bernard Tabary, CEO International Keolis.

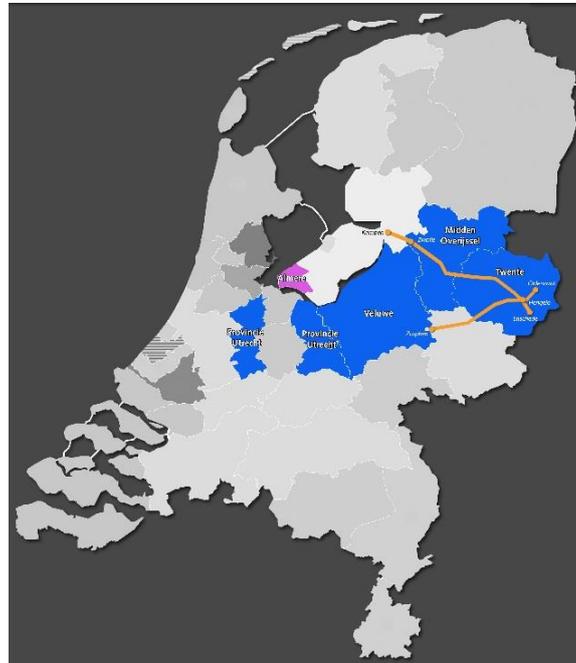
Adapting to local needs; thinking like a passenger

The offer Syntus has made, is one based on the principles of the Almere municipality: diversity of its passengers, city and nature, innovation, change and connection. There are heavy transport movements to and from Amsterdam which make safe, sustainable and comfortable public transport necessary. Syntus will offer a high quality, daily public transport service for the city of Almere and its region, operating with 107 buses. At night bus services - in the new contract - will run more frequently than before and will provide additional support to the night economy of nearby Amsterdam. Syntus will also upgrade the current Bus Rapid Transport system from silver to gold.

Keolis pursuing growth

This award follows two other contracts Syntus Keolis Group won in 2015: a new contract to operate bus operations in the Utrecht province, in the centre of The Netherlands, which starts in December of this year *and* a new contract to run the rail connection Zwolle-Enschede-Zwolle-Kampen in East Netherlands. With the award of Almere, Syntus Keolis Group is realising its strategic growth plan by enlarging its operations in the West Netherlands (see map).

Syntus Keolis Group is the Dutch subsidiary of Keolis with 1400 employees. It offers logical multi modal and flexible public transport to its passengers with safe and comfortable service in Veluwe, Overijssel, Twente and soon Utrecht province (December 2016). In 2015 Syntus transported 30 million passengers and generated a turnover of 123 million euros.



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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