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On Time: Production of GYSEV's New InterCity EMUs Progressing at Full Speed

The procurement of 11 FLIRT InterCity electric multiple units by GYSEV has entered a new phase: the car bodies manufactured at Stadler's Szolnok plant have already been transported to Siedlce, Poland, where final assembly of the vehicles is currently underway. The trainsets are scheduled to arrive in Hungary at the end of 2026 for type testing, and—following the acquisition of the necessary regulatory approvals—they will gradually enter passenger service from 2027 until summer 2028.

The 11 new FLIRT-type EMUs represent the first InterCity procurement in Hungary in 30 years, marking a significant milestone and a major step forward in the modernization of domestic rail transport. The painted car bodies are continuously being manufactured at Stadler's plant in Szolnok and are shipped on a planned schedule to Siedlce, Poland, where the production process of the trains is finalized.

The modern fleet will feature both first- and second-class seating, air-conditioned, low-floor passenger areas, and a modern passenger information system. For long-distance comfort, an onboard dining area will be available, equipped with food and beverage vending machines. The flexible interior design allows adaptation to seasonal demand: in summer, the trains can accommodate up to 18 bicycles. Passenger comfort is further enhanced by USB-C charging ports, Wi-Fi connectivity, and practical holders for tablets and smartphones.

Testing of the vehicles will begin in August 2026 at three locations—Romania, the Czech Republic, and Hungary—running in parallel. The first trainsets are expected to arrive in Hungary by the end of 2026, where domestic test runs will commence. These five-car, dual-system trains, capable of speeds up to 160 km/h, will in the future strengthen GYSEV's InterCity services on the Sopron–Budapest and Szombathely–Budapest routes, and will also be capable of operating in Austria. The full fleet of 11 units is expected to be fully operational by summer 2028.

From Szolnok to the World: Hungary's Contribution to the Success of FLIRT

Stadler's FLIRT type is the company's most successful product, with more than 3,000 units sold worldwide since 2002. Its success is based on outstanding passenger comfort, reliable operation, and cost-efficient maintenance, while its modular design allows flexible adaptation to operator

and network requirements. The type is also a key element of Hungary's rail network: GYSEV currently operates 20 FLIRT units, while MÁV operates 123. Hungarian manufacturing has played a major role in this success as well—of the approximately 6,000 car bodies produced so far, nearly 4,000 have been built for FLIRT trains at the Szolnok plant, equivalent to around 1,000 four-car trainsets. Stadler employs around 1,000 people in Hungary. This number is set to rise further in the coming years.

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 80 years. The provider of mobility solutions in the fields of rail vehicle construction, maintenance and signalling technology is based in Bussnang, in eastern Switzerland. Over 17,000 employees work across 8 production sites and 6 engineering centres, as well as in over 95 service centres, with around 6,000 of them based in Switzerland. Stadler is the world's leading manufacturer of alternative-fuel vehicles (hydrogen and battery) and rack-and-pinion rail vehicles. The company is mindful of its social responsibility towards sustainable mobility and therefore stands out for its innovative, sustainable and durable quality products.

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