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Stadler and Nederlandse Spoorwegen present the FLIRT in its most colorful shape and form

Stadler, together with Nederlandse Spoorwegen (NS), is presenting the electric, low-floor multiple-unit FLIRT train today in its most colorful shape and form to date as NS Sprinter. The 58 3- and 4-carriage trains ordered by NS will be operated by NS Reizigers in regional service on routes in the Netherlands from 2017. The completion of the order for the new NS Sprinters is further confirmation of Stadler's agility and unbeatable order compliance.

NS ordered 58 electric, low-floor multiple-unit (EMU) FLIRT trains from Stadler in April 2015 in order to quickly fill an unexpected gap in its rolling stock. Within 12 months, and in close cooperation with NS, Stadler designed and built a train that is tailored specifically to meet the needs of passengers on regional routes in the Netherlands. Thanks to the exceptional teamwork of NS and Stadler, the first completed train was presented to NS on 13 April 2016 – one year after the order was issued – during a roll-in in Maastricht.

The electric, low-floor trains from the latest FLIRT generation are extremely comfortable thanks to the air suspension on the bogies, attractive seating, air conditioning for passengers and drivers, and a closed toilet system. Furthermore, the regional trains meet TSI PRM requirements for people with restricted mobility as well as the EN15227 requirements regarding collision safety and can reach a maximum speed of 160 km/h. Each of the 33 3-carriage trains has an overall length of 63.2 metres, while the 25 4-carriage versions are 80.7 metres long each. In addition to their technical specificities, the trains are distinguished by their fresh interior design and high level of comfort.

Stadler has sold more than 1300 FLIRT electric multiple units (EMUs) and diesel multiple units (DMUs) in Europe, North Africa and the USA. The trains are based on a tried-and-tested platform system and can be adapted in a cost-effective manner. They can be operated with a high level of reliability in climate zones ranging from +40°C to -40°C. A further 131 articulated multiple-unit trains (GTWs) are also in operation in the Netherlands. The Dutch market is extremely important for Stadler, as underlined by the current presence of three service locations in Venlo, Leeuwarden and Nieuwegein.

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About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for 75 years. The system provider of rail vehicle construction solutions is headquartered in Bussnang in Eastern Switzerland, and has a workforce of around 7000 based in various locations across Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Italy, Austria, the Netherlands, Belarus, Algeria, Australia and the United States. Stadler provides a comprehensive range of products in the railway and commuter rail segments: high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and commuter rail trains, underground trains, tram trains and trams. Furthermore, Stadler also manufactures main-line dual-mode locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages, including the most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe. Stadler remains the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry. Additionally, Stadler Service maintains in 16 countries vehicle fleets consisting of over 680 vehicles that cover a combined annual distance of 110 million kilometres.

More Stadler figures: of the best-selling FLIRT (Fast Light Innovative Regional Train) vehicle over 1,300 units have already been sold in 15 countries. The KISS (the name is an acronym of the German for Comfortable Innovative Speedy Suburban Train) is also very popular with 258 units sold in 9 countries. The most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe is the EURO4000, of which 130 have been sold in 7 countries.

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