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On track for success: Stadler delivers further trains to Apulia

Stadler has been awarded a new tender by Ferrovie Appulo Lucane (FAL) in Apulia. The contract comprises four three-car narrow-gauge diesel multiple units worth 22.8 million euros and an option for four further trains. The new trains will be delivered within 24 months.

FAL Chairman and lawyer Rosario Almiento has signed a contract with Maurizio Oberti, Stadler Sales Manager Italy, for four three-car tailor-made multiple-units worth 22.8 million euros, with an option for four additional trains. Counting these four new trains, FAL will then have a total of 23 narrow-gauge diesel vehicles of the latest generation – the largest and most modern fleet of narrow-gauge vehicles in Italy. The vehicles will be used on the 950-millimetre narrow-gauge network in Apulia and neighbouring Basilicata on lines including the Bari-Altamura-Matera route. The delivery of the four vehicles ordered is planned within 24 months.

More details about the trains

The car bodies of the new FAL trains are made using Stadler's lightweight aluminium composite construction. They offer around 50 percent of low-floor space to facilitate access and have an axle load of twelve tons, which protects the infrastructure. The 52.5-meter-long trains are equipped with low-emission, powerful diesel engines that meet Stage IIIB emission standards. The vehicles can seat 154 passengers and have a total capacity of 306 people, including standing room. The driver's cabs and passenger compartments are air-conditioned. The driver's compartments are accessible from the outside through special doors. A disabled toilet is also available for passengers. In addition, the trains can be coupled in double or triple traction if necessary for operational reasons.

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About Stadler

International rail vehicle construction company, Stadler, is headquartered in Bussnang in Eastern Switzerland. Founded in 1942, it has a workforce of over 7,600 based in various production, service and engineering locations across Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Belarus and the United States. Service locations are also being operated in countries including Algeria, Denmark, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the UK. Stadler provides a comprehensive range of products in the heavy and urban transport segments: high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and commuter heavy rail trains, underground trains, tram trains and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages, including the most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

The best-selling FLIRT (Fast Light Intercity- and Regional Train) vehicle has already sold more than 1,600 units in a total of 18 countries. The KISS, an acronym of the German for Comfortable Innovative Speedy Suburban Train, is also very popular, with nearly 300 units sold in 11 countries. The most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe is the EURO4000, which has sold 140 units in 7 countries. The Stadler Service division maintains vehicle fleets and comprises more than 680 vehicles, covering a combined annual distance of 170 million kilometres in 16 different countries.

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