



GREECE'S FIRST DRIVERLESS METRO INAUGURATED TODAY

Atm and Egis begin their journey in Thessaloniki

Milan, 30 November 2024 - An epoch-making moment for Greek public transport: Greece's first automatic metro, run by Atm and Egis, was inaugurated today in the city of Thessaloniki.

The Greek Prime Minister Mr Kyriakos Mitsotakis, the Greek Minister of Infrastructure and Transport Mr Chrístos Staikouras, the deputy Minister of Infrastructure Mr Nikolaos Tachiaos, as well as by ATM President Mrs Gioia Ghezzi and CEO Arrigo Giana, and Egis' CEO Mr Laurent Germain attended the ceremony.

The company THEMA, formed by Atm and Egis (51% and 49% respectively), is responsible for the management of the new driverless line. The corporate entity won on June 2023 a contract lasting 11 years for a total economic value of EUR 250 million, hence establishing itself as a player with great competitive capacity in the international arena.

"The opening of the Thessaloniki metro represents a further step in the Atm Group's growth strategy - said Atm Chairwoman Mrs Gioia Ghezzi - and confirms the central role of public transport in the development of cities. Encouraging social, economic and cultural exchanges, it allows everyone to travel in a shared and sustainable way".

"This important milestone further strengthens the Group's international dimension, bringing to seven the number of driverless metros managed between Milan, Copenhagen and Thessaloniki – said Atm CEO Mr Arrigo Giana. This result consolidates our experience, our know-how and our commitment to offering the best public transport service to all citizens".

"Egis, which has a long-standing presence in Greece in road operations, is delighted to be also involved in public transport and low-carbon mobility". said Renaud Beziade, CEO Consulting & Operations of Egis.

METRO CHARACTERISTICS

The line connects the Western part of Thessaloniki to the Eastern in 18 minutes. With a length of 10 km and 13 stations, the metro is bound to become the main hub for inner city journeys, changing Thessaloniki's mobility by making it greener: 313,000 daily passengers are expected, with a 212 CO₂ tons reduction due to the circulation of 57,000 fewer cars.

It's also a culturally relevant infrastructure: Venizelou station hosts the world's biggest open museum within a metro station, with archaeological findings dating back to Roman times.

At this stage, 18 trains are circulating with a headway of about a 3 minutes. The automatic metro is fully accessible and constantly monitored by video cameras overseen by the control room, that is operational all day.



In 2025 a five-station line extension to Kalamaria is expected to connect 25 Martiou station to Mikra terminus, in the south of Thessaloniki. Upon completion, trains in service will be 33 with a 90s headway.

The ATM Group

The Atm Group occupies a leading international position with 7 driverless metro lines managed between Milan, Copenhagen and Thessaloniki. The Group is active in all area of mobility and its know-how covers the entire value of transport and mobility services: engineering (design, definition, optimisation of transport networks), operations and maintenance. Thanks to the work of 10,000 employees, the Atm Group manages 7 modes of transport: in addition to decades of experience in driverless metros, traditional metro systems, buses, trolleybuses, trams, bike sharing and cable systems. Milan's transport network consists of 5 metro lines with a total length of about 112 km, 17 tram lines on 157 km of network, 160 bus lines and 4 trolleybus lines covering over 1,600 km.

Egis

Egis is an international player active in architecture, consulting, construction engineering and mobility services. We create and operate intelligent infrastructures and buildings that respond to the climate emergency and contribute to more balanced, sustainable and resilient territorial development. Operating in 100 countries, Egis puts the expertise of its 19,500 employees at the service of its clients and develops cutting-edge innovations accessible to all projects. Through its wide range of activities, Egis is a key player in the collective organisation of society and the living environment of citizens all over the world.

Today Egis is involved in the design and build of various Automatic Metro Projects, such as Lines 15, 16 and 17 of the New Paris Metro, or upgrade of Metro systems, such as Line B in Lyon.

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