



## **ATM AND EGIS SIGNED THE OPERATION CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST AUTOMATIC METRO IN GREECE**

**A contract with an 11-year duration and an economic value of EURO 250 million**

*Milan, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2023* - The contract for the operation and maintenance of the first automatic metro to run in the city of Thessaloniki and to start its operation by 2024 was signed yesterday in Greece.

**The Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis** honoured with his presence **the signing ceremony**. **The ceremony was also attended on the part of the Greek government** by the Minister of Infrastructures and Transport Mr. Staikouras and the Deputy Minister of Infrastructures & Transport responsible for infrastructures-related issues Mr. Tachiaos, as well as by the CEO of Elliniko Metro S.A. Mr. Nikolaos Kouretas, the **CEO of ATM Mr. Arrigo Giana**, and the **CEO of Consulting & Operations of Egis Mr. Renaud Beziade**.

**THEMA Consortium, formed by ATM and Egis (participation percentages: 51% and 49% respectively), will be responsible for the management of the new driverless line in Thessaloniki, which will be inaugurated in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of year 2024.**

**Last June, the Italian-French consortium won an 11-year contract against an overall economic value of EURO 250 million**, thus establishing itself in the international arena as a **player with great competitive capacity**, able to compete with other leading European companies.

**ATM, a leader in public transport in Italy, counting decades of experience in Europe and the Middle East**, has acquired a **prominent role of excellence on the global stage in the management of automated metro systems**: in 2008 in the city of Copenhagen, through Metro Service A/S, with Lines 1, 2 and later on, Lines 3 and 4 in the Cityring, in 2011 in Riyadh through the operation of the first line of the city and in 2013 in Milan through the driverless M5 metro and later on, through the M4 connecting Linate airport to the city centre.

**Egis is an international player in the consulting, construction engineering and mobility services sectors**. Egis is a world leader in tunnel operation, motorway and an airport transport infrastructure operator counting over 30 operation and maintenance contracts in highly complex environments. Ranking first in engineering in France, the group is an expert in the field of urban guided transport and rail transport engineering, bringing together all disciplines: systems, automation, rolling stock, equipment safety, civil engineering, environment.

**The new metro is the most modern public project ever constructed in the Hellenic Republic and the only driverless system ever built**, serving the second largest Greek city by population, with over one million inhabitants. The entire Metro system **will be approximately 20 km long after its extension to the Airport, and it will become the main hub for inner city travels and a strategic point for connections with the rest of the country.**

"This important contract is fully in line with ATM's international development plans to enhance our experience and know-how in the management of automatic metro systems and mobility systems" said **Arrigo Giana, CEO of ATM**. "Our motivation and commitment are oriented towards offering the best public transport services to the city users of the second most important city in Greece and to the entire country".

"Our involvement in the operational phase of this project is a source of great satisfaction. The integration of an automatic metro line into our operations business is the culmination of a long and powerful process of consolidating our expertise," said **Renaud Beziade, CEO Consulting & Operations of Egis**.

## **Thessaloniki Metro**

The first line will cross the entire city on its east-west axis with **13 stations** from Nea Elvetia terminal station to Thessaloniki Railway Station terminus, **an important interchange node with the railway network**.

**A further extension of 5 stations is planned** to connect 25 Martiou Station with the south-eastern area of the city, terminating at Mikra Station.

Equipped with **sophisticated control and maintenance systems**, the **Metro provides a daily service with 18 trains in the first phase**, to be increased to 33 trains in order to ensure transportation services with the extension to Kalamaria.

The project is completed with the **Depot** and the **state-of-the-art control and management operations room** located in the area of Pylea.

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### **The ATM Group**

*ATM is the public transport operator of Milan Metropolitan Area (96 municipalities served - 3.2 million inhabitants). Since 2008, it has also been the reference public transport operator in Copenhagen.*

*It has been managing automatic metro systems for over 10 years, as well as traditional metros, buses, trams and trolleybuses. In Milan, thanks to the work of 10,000 employees, the network provides 30,000 daily surface and metro journeys covering over 1,600 kilometres.*

*The Group also designs and manages technologically advanced services and systems for smart and sustainable mobility through the Full Electric Plan, which envisages the complete conversion to electric buses and the construction of new technologically advanced facilities. ATM's know-how covers the entire value of transport and mobility services: engineering (design, definition, optimisation of transport networks), operations of all transport modes and maintenance.*

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### **The Egis Group**

*Egis is an international player in the consulting, construction engineering and mobility service sectors. We design and operate intelligent infrastructure and buildings capable of responding to the climate emergency and helping to achieve more balanced, sustainable and resilient territorial development. With operations in 120 countries, Egis places the expertise of its 18,000 employees at the disposal of its clients and develops cutting-edge innovation accessible to all projects. Through its wide-ranging fields of activity, Egis is a central 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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