
Alstom builds modern depot in Bucharest

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Alstom is investing €50 million as part of its commitment to establish a new state-of-the-art depot in Bucharest for the maintenance of new electric Coradia Stream passenger trains.

To initiate the project, Alstom has contracted the acquisition of 30,000 square metres of land which includes several buildings on Calea Grivitei in central Bucharest, granting access to the rail mainline. The agreement has been executed with Atelierele Grivita, a Bucharest-based company specialising in rolling stock repairs. The project will include significant modernisation work on existing facilities and the construction of new ones to establish a modern and fully equipped site for the maintenance of the 37 Coradia Stream passenger trains acquired by the Railway Reform Authority (ARF).

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The initial phase of the investment – a depot equipped for testing and maintenance operations – will be ready by the end of January 2024, and the full completion is expected in the second half of 2024. The new depot will be equipped with cutting-edge machinery and technology that is used in rolling stock maintenance depots across Europe, including a digital diagnostic facility based on the latest technology, including HealthHub™, Alstom’s solution for predictive maintenance and fleet management, and an underfloor wheel lathe.

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Alstom is actively recruiting for the new maintenance facility, with over 50 new employees expected to join this project and go through a specialised training.

In March 2022, Alstom and the Romanian Railway Reform Authority (ARF) signed a contract for the delivery of 20 Coradia Stream inter-regional trains and associated 15-year maintenance services. In September 2022, an addendum to the initial contract was signed for the delivery of 17 more Coradia Stream inter-regional trains and associated 15 years maintenance services. These 37 trains, currently in production, are the first new modern EMUs purchased in Romania.

Alstom is the global leader in rail services, with over 16,000 services employees in 40 countries, across 250 sites. More than 35,500 vehicles are covered by rolling stock maintenance contracts, out of which about 50 contracts have a duration of 20 years or more. In Romania, Alstom has been providing maintenance to the metro fleet of the Bucharest metro continuously since 2004.

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