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Alstom to supply 52 Citadis tramsets to the Brest and Dijon conurbations for a total of more than €100 million

The conurbations of Brest and Dijon announced today their decision to select Alstom to supply 52 Citadis tramsets representing a total of more than €100 million. The two conurbations opted to join forces for this project to pool their needs and streamline their investments. Brest will receive 20 tramsets, while 32 tramsets will go to Dijon.

The Citadis tramsets will be designed at Alstom's Valenciennes site. Five other sites will also be involved in the manufacture of the trams. Tarbes will provide the electrical and electronic equipment for the traction systems, Ornans the engines, Le Creusot the bogies, Villeurbanne the onboard electronics while La Rochelle will handle the assembly.

Alstom's Citadis trams were designed to offer optimal quality of life on board as well as maximum passenger comfort for a pleasant, relaxing journey. Features include an integral low floor, air-conditioning and a video-surveillance system as well as on-board visual and audio information. Each tramset will be 32 metres in length and accommodate over 200 passengers, or the capacity of three buses¹. The Citadis also improves the quality of life in a city – it is four times quieter than motor traffic, generating about five decibels less noise.

It also helps to protect the environment. Not only is it 98% recyclable, but with its composite materials and improved traction system it also consumes 10% less energy than a traditional tram. A Citadis uses four times less energy than a bus and ten times less than a car in Kwh per seated passenger.

The Brest and Dijon conurbations will be receiving trams that have proven their value on the market, feature improvements over previous models and have become a global benchmark for performance. To date, 1,239 Citadis trams have been ordered by 30 cities worldwide, and over 60 other cities plan to launch tramway projects over the coming years.

About Alstom Transport

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¹ The average bus can carry 66 passengers with six people per m².

turnover of €5.7 billion, and its orders increased by 9% over the previous financial year. Alstom Transport is present in over 60 countries and has 27,000 employees.

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