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Contract signature: Stadler is to supply new long-distance trains to Norway

The Norwegian state-owned railway company Norske tog and Stadler signed a contract for the manufacture and delivery of 17 FLIRT Nordic Express trains today. The contract includes an option for up to 83 additional trains. The new FLIRT Nordic Express are intended for long-distance services throughout Norway from 2026.

In February, Norske tog announced that the contract for the manufacture and delivery of 17 single-decker multiple units had been awarded to Stadler. Following the expiry of the objection period, Stadler and Norske tog signed the contract together today. The contract, including options, covers in total up to 100 FLIRT Nordic Express trains with an initial order of 17 trains. Thanks to this contract, Stadler will supply the latest generation of long-distance trains for use throughout Norway. The first FLIRT Nordic Express trains are expected to replace parts of the existing fleet on the Bergen line from 2026.

“Our companies are linked by a long-standing and innovative partnership. Recently Stadler delivered the 150th FLIRT train to Norske tog. The FLIRT train has proven itself as a successful modular concept – even in the harsh climatic conditions in Norway. Stadler is extremely proud to supply the next generation of long-distance trains to Norway – the FLIRT Nordic Express. We would like to sincerely thank Norske tog for their trust in us and we look forward to continuing our mutual success story and working together on this project,” says Dr. Ansgar Brockmeyer, Executive Vice President Marketing & Sales and Deputy Group CEO from Stadler.

“We look forward to continuing our successful partnership with Stadler. The FLIRT trains are already the backbone of the Norwegian railway, and we are certain that the new FLIRT Nordic Express will be an important contribution in making train the most desirable way of travel in Norway. The new FLIRT Nordic Express trains will make the journey an enjoyable experience, not just a way of transport”, says Øystein Risan, CEO of Norske tog.

High travel comfort

When developing the new trains, Stadler placed great emphasis on travel comfort – for both day and night journeys. The FLIRT Nordic Express trains offer seats that are adjustable on both sides, flexible sleeping compartments, bistro and family areas, and ample space for luggage. Passengers can choose between reclining sleeper seats and sleeping compartments with two or four beds. During the day, the sleeping

compartments can be converted into private seating areas for families and business travellers alike. The reclining seats can be used both during the day and at night.

The new eight-car trains offer space for up to 542 seats and can reach a maximum speed of 200 km/h. Depending on the area of use, the trains can run on an electric or a bi-modal drive. The latter allows operation even on non-electrified lines.

Like Norske tog's existing FLIRT fleet, the new FLIRT Nordic Express will be manufactured in Switzerland.

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 80 years. The provider of rail vehicle construction solutions has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. It has a workforce of over 13,500 based in various production and engineering locations as well as more than 70 service locations. The company is conscious of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the field of mainline railways and city transport includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, metros, tramways and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

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