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**SBB and Stadler are to strengthen rail connections with France thanks to 33 new FLIRT Evo**

**Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) has signed a contract option for the manufacture and delivery of up to 33 new FLIRT Evo multiple units. The call-off order is part of the largest tender in Swiss railway history for the delivery of up to 510 single-decker FLIRT multiple units. From the end of 2030, the multiple units will run between Switzerland and France in order to offer efficient direct connections on regional services every 30 minutes. The signing of this contract once again confirms the international success of our best-selling FLIRT model. Like the vehicles in the first call-off order, the FLIRT Evo for France will be produced at the Stadler production site in Bussnang (TG).**

SBB has signed a contract option for 33 additional FLIRT multiple units. The order is part of the framework agreement signed in 2022 between SBB, Turbo and RegionAlps for the development and delivery of 510 single-decker FLIRT trains. On signing the framework agreement, Stadler was commissioned to produce 286 FLIRT trains in an initial call-off order in 2022. Just one and a half years later, Stadler unveiled the train to the public with the debut of the first of the 286 FLIRT vehicles.

Following the introduction of continuous connections between Switzerland and France in 1997, Stadler is now pleased to be working with SBB to adapt cross-border regional transport to meet the needs of an international economic area. The new vehicles will be used for cross-border transport and will enable more efficient, faster direct connections to operate between Northwestern Switzerland and Alsace. The new multiple units will be approved in Switzerland and France and, from the end of 2030, will be able to take passengers to their destinations more directly and quickly every 30 minutes.

“We are proud to be able to expand rail services to France with our proven best-selling FLIRT model. The signing of this contract option represents a significant step forward for cross-border

transport. We are looking forward to working with SBB to offer passengers more comfort and flexibility with our modern FLIRT trains optimised to meet demand, thereby ensuring a better travel experience," says Peter Spuhler, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Stadler.

## **Multiple units with special features**

The vehicles have two integrated traction current and railway safety systems to ensure operation in both Switzerland and France. In addition, up to three FLIRT Evo can run coupled in France. In Switzerland, mixed traction with other FLIRT Evo up to quadruple traction is also possible. This contributes to flexible deployment and therefore economical operation of the fleet.

The FLIRT trains have been optimised and improved in terms of overall capacity. They provide more storage space for bicycles, pushchairs and large items of luggage. At the same time, the vehicles take into account the needs of passengers with reduced mobility. Each vehicle has a total passenger capacity of 146 seats, or 292 seats in double traction.

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## **About Stadler**

*Stadler has been building trains for over 80 years. The provider of mobility solutions in rail vehicle construction, service and signalling technology has its headquarters in Bussnang, eastern Switzerland. It has a workforce of over 14,000 based in various production and engineering locations as well as more than 80 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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