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Hungary: First painted InterCity car body for GYSEV unveiled

A new chapter is beginning in the history of Hungarian railway vehicle manufacturing : the first painted car body of the GYSEV FLIRT InterCity train fleet was unveiled at Stadler's plant in Szolnok. At the same time this is the first car body produced in Hungary for Hungary after many years. The components will be manufactured at the 15-year-old plant in Szolnok, combining Hungarian expertise with Swiss precision.

The first painted car body for the GYSEV FLIRT InterCity train fleet has been completed at Stadler's plant in Szolnok, Hungary. It was unveiled at a ceremony attended by János Lázár, Minister of Construction and Transport, and Peter Spuhler, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Stadler Group. The car bodies for the eleven new dual-current InterCity FLIRT trains ordered by GYSEV are being manufactured by Hungarian experts in Szolnok. This is a milestone in the life of the factory, as they have not produced car bodies in Hungary for Hungary in many years. The vehicles will be put into service on the Sopron-Budapest and Szombathely-Budapest routes from the end of 2027, with the entire fleet ready by early 2028. The five-car, dual-current vehicles will be able to operate not only in Hungary but also in Austria.

"It is a great honor for the Szolnok plant to be able to manufacture car bodies for the Hungarian market after such a long time, opening a new chapter in rail transport. With the delivery of the new GYSEV train fleet, the number of Stadler-manufactured vehicles in Hungary will exceed 200. We can already say that every second passenger travels on our trains, which have an average availability of 96%," emphasized Dr. Róbert Homolya, Chairman of Stadler Trains Hungary Zrt.

The Stadler car body plant in Szolnok celebrated its 15th anniversary in January 2025. Over the past decade and a half, Stadler has developed its Szolnok site into the largest car body manufacturing plant in Central and Eastern Europe through continuous investment, development, and the creation of new jobs. To date, the plant has produced more than 6,000 coach bodies for the rail networks of 14 countries.

Comfortable and sustainable transportation

The energy-efficient FLIRT InterCity vehicles, capable of speeds of up to 160 km/h, will provide a modern travel experience with 1st and 2nd class seating, air-conditioned passenger compartments, a modern passenger information system, and seats equipped with Wi-Fi and

USB-C ports. Flexibility is ensured by a layout that provides more seating in winter and space for up to 18 bicycles in summer. The final design, created through the collaboration of GYSEV, Stadler, and the Innova Design Team, combines the railway company's iconic green and yellow colors with modern silver tones and elegant styling.

"The newly unveiled car body is the first result of a development that will form the cornerstone of future InterCity transport. GYSEV passengers can travel between Budapest and towns in western Hungary in elegant, comfortable, and environmentally friendly vehicles," said Szilárd Kövesdi, CEO of GYSEV Zrt.

The FLIRT model is Stadler's most popular product, with more than 3000 units sold in 21 countries since 2002. This type of vehicle is also prominent in Hungary: currently, 20 units are in service with GYSEV and 123 with MÁV. Stadler's domestic plant has also played its part in the production of this most successful model, with the Szolnok factory participating in the manufacture of almost 1,000 FLIRT trains, representing a total of 3,883 car bodies.

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 in eastern Switzerland. Around 16,600 employees work at 8 production and 6 engineering locations as well as over 80 service locations, including over 5,600 employees in Switzerland.

The company is aware of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the mainline and urban transport sector includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, underground trains, tram-trains and trams. Stadler also manufactures mainline locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger coaches. Stadler is the world's leading manufacturer of rack-and-pinion railway vehicles.

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