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Valencia, 3rd December 2025**Stadler to deliver 8 CITYLINK Tram-Trains to Aarhus**

Stadler has been awarded a contract to build eight CITYLINK trams for the Danish city of Aarhus. Thanks to their onboard batteries, these vehicles can continue operating seamlessly even when overhead wires are iced over. The contract signed between Aarhus Letbane and Stadler also includes an option for an additional twelve vehicles as well as spare parts management.

This agreement signed on 2nd December builds on a successful partnership that began several years ago, when Stadler supplied trams and tram-trains for Aarhus' light rail network. With the introduction of CITYLINK, the city takes another major step toward efficient, safe, and environmentally friendly public transport. The new CITYLINK vehicles will be designed and manufactured at Stadler Valencia.

"This agreement embodies our shared vision for sustainable mobility. Together with Aarhus Letbane, we are committed to creating solutions that make public transport more attractive and accessible for all. With CITYLINK, we are helping Aarhus move toward a smarter, greener, and fully integrated transport system that meets the needs of today while anticipating those of tomorrow," said Iñigo Parra, CEO Stadler Valencia.

"Adding more trains strengthens the Light Rail as a vital connection between Aarhus city and the countryside. This is fully in line with our vision of providing reliable and efficient transport for East Jutland – on time, every time. And it's a major benefit for our passengers and for the entire region," says Mie Krog, Chair of the Board at Aarhus Letbane.

Versatile, Efficient, and Perfectly Adapted to Climatic Conditions

Designed and built for the challenging winter conditions of Aarhus, and equipped with traction batteries, these vehicles ensure hybrid continued operation providing an energy-saving boost during service and additionally a completely autonomous operation in case of overhead line icing.

Their unique versatility allows them to run seamlessly on both urban tram lines and regional railway tracks, reducing the need for transfers and making public transport more attractive.

The four-car configuration accommodates up to 324 passengers, including 152 seats—16 of which are foldable—offering greater capacity and comfort while ensuring a highly adaptable layout. Every aspect of CITYLINK's design focuses on energy efficiency, passenger experience, and low emissions, fully aligned with Aarhus' sustainability objectives.

Universal Accessibility and Inclusive Design

Accessibility is a cornerstone of the CITYLINK concept. Passengers with reduced mobility benefit from sliding steps at both end cars, ensuring level boarding. Each end car includes a dedicated wheelchair space—two per vehicle. The flat low floor, with only minimal steps at the ends, guarantees easy movement throughout the vehicle. Naturally, CITYLINK complies with all applicable PRM standards, making it an inclusive solution for everyone.

Leading Role in the Tram-Train Segment Further Strengthened

With this project, Stadler strengthens its leadership in the tram-train segment and its mission to develop transport systems that connect people and communities responsibly and efficiently. CITYLINK is designed to deliver an attractive, comfortable, and reliable travel experience, encouraging more people to choose public transport.

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. More than 16,500 employees work at 8 production and 6 engineering locations as well as over 80 service locations.

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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