

FS ITALIANE: NETINERA HAS BEEN AWARDED WITH THE NETZES ELBE–SPREE TENDER FOR COMMUTER TRANSPORT

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NETINERA (FS Italiane Group), through the company Ostdeutsche Eisenbahngesellschaft (ODEG), has been awarded with the Netzes Elbe-Spree tender for commuter transport (allotments 1 and 4) in the Berlin, Brandenburg and Saxony-Anhalt states in Germany.

ODEG's contract is due to start in 2022 with a duration of 12 years and investments up to 400 million euros. ODEG is controlled by NETINERA (50%) and the railway holding company BeNEX (50%).

*“The awarding of a important tender in the German commuter transport market confirms the excellent industrial and managerial capabilities of the FS Italiane Group in Italy and abroad”, says **Gianfranco Battisti**, CEO and General manager of FS Italiane. “The liberalization of the railway commuter transport market in Germany, one of the most important in Europe, is instrumental in exporting decades of Italian know-how in regional transport management “.*

The first allotment of the Netzes Elbe-Spree tender includes the commuter railway line RE1 connecting Magdeburg to Cottbus via Berlin and Frankfurt Oder. Siemens Desiro HC trains (630 seats) will be circulating on the line.

The RE8 commuter line, connecting Wismar to Elsterwerda/Finsterwalde via Schwerin and Berlin, is part of the fourth allotment. Stadler KISS trains (400 seats), refurbished with free Wi-Fi and a new passenger information system, will be circulating on the RE8 line along with Siemens Desiro HC trains.