



Press note

ROCK E POP. NEW REGIONAL TRAINS FOR ITALIAN COMMUTERS

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The first two new regional trains, *Rock e Pop*, were unveiled today by **Danilo Toninelli**, the Italian Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, at *InnoTrans 2018*, the international rail transport exhibition in Berlin.

The event was hosted by **Gianfranco Battisti**, CEO of Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane, **Alistair Dormer**, Group CEO of Hitachi Rail and **Henri Poupart-Lafarge**, Chairman and CEO of Alstom.

*"A good news for Italian commuters: Rock and Pop trains will be very soon on Italian tracks – said **Danilo Toninelli, the Italian Minister of Infrastructure and Transport** – I'm very happy of the synergy between the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport and the new CEO and President of the FS Italiane Group. I greatly appreciate the focus on Italian commuters in the new mission. Trenitalia is strongly committed in the renewal of the regional fleet, accelerating the delivery of new trains to improve the journey of Italian commuters. The regional rail transport will be improved with the arrival of the new Rock and Pop trains that will provide more safety and comfort to the people who choose the train, a shared and sustainable mode of transport, for their daily commute to work. While there is still work to be done on the level of assistance and attention to Italian commuters, the operating companies of the FS Italiane Group are committed to ensure a better, more punctual service."*

*"The renewal of the regional trains will guarantee more effective and punctual journeys to Italian commuters," said **Gianfranco Battisti**, CEO and COO of the FS Italiane Group. "The new Rock and Pop trains, which will enter service from May 2019, are part of a fleet of 600 new regional trains purchased with a 6 billion investments. We will start with 9 trains delivered per month, but a second production line will be built to speed up the production process. This is an unprecedented plan in the history of Italian railways. The goal is to increase the offer during peak hours (7-9AM - 5-7PM). At the same time, we are committed to increasing the passenger load factor of off-peak hours. We are studying, and we will discuss with Italian Regions, a dynamic pricing model with discounted off-peak fares and differentiated offers, with fast, direct trains when they are full, alternating with trains with intermediate stops."*

*"Hitachi Rail is delighted to showcase our innovative, double-deck Rock train for our customer Trenitalia during Innotrans," said **Alistair Dormer, Group CEO Hitachi Rail**. "The Rock's leading-edge design and the multiple benefits it will bring to millions of passengers who travel on Italy's regional train network each year, is a shining example of the skills and capabilities of the Hitachi Rail Group. The renewed investment we have made at our three manufacturing plants in Naples, Pistoia and Reggio Calabria and their people and skills have clearly strengthened our position in a strategically important market, as well as globally. I am proud that our customers are reaping the benefits of this investment with the high quality products that are being unveiled today."*

*"It is an honour to present today at InnoTrans our new-generation electric train Coradia Stream, designed and produced by Alstom for Trenitalia," said **Henri Poupart-Lafarge, Chairman and CEO of Alstom**. "This is a recognition of our long experience in regional trains. We are sure that the Pop train will satisfy Trenitalia's needs in terms of train performance, consumption reduction and environmental impact, not to mention the high standards demanded by Italian regions and their passengers."*