

Press Release

EXPO FERROVIARIA 2019: RECORD VISITORS AND A RETURN TO MILAN IN 2021

With 8,400 visitors, the exhibition has proved to be a reference point for the railway industry both in Italy and internationally.

Milan, 3 October 2019 - The ninth edition of EXPO Ferroviaria, Italy's showcase for railway technologies, products and systems, closed at Rho Fiera Milano. **The numbers confirm the importance of the event for the international railway industry**, with many innovations in the sector presented.

The three-day event in Milan had a turnout of **8,400 visitors including managers, executives and engineers**. The participation of foreign visitors, coming from **64 countries** and of delegations of railway operators from Brazil, Japan, Vietnam, Colombia, Chile, Thailand, USA and Australia once again highlighted the increasingly **international spirit of the exhibition**. There were **280 exhibitors altogether from 21 countries**, of which over 100 were exhibiting for the first time.

The visit of the **Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, Paola De Micheli** on the first day confirmed the importance of rail transport in Italy. She went to the main stands, seeing the innovative technologies at the event. Among these were **Stadler Rail AG**, with a preview of the 1: 1 scale model of the **FLIRT DMU** train built for the FNM Group. There was also **ETS s.r.l** with "ARCHITA-ETS Mobile Mapping System", a cutting-edge modular system for mobile survey for civil engineering and infrastructure surveys. Furthermore, **Alstom Ferroviaria** was there with its innovative and sustainable solutions both at the railway level and for urban transport. The **Lucchini RS Group** highlighted the evolution of wheelset maintenance, a sector in which the advent of digitalization provides operators with increasingly innovative and cutting-edge tools.

There was a peek at the future too, with the presentation of the "**ERCI Innovation Award 2019**". **Siemens Mobility and D-Rail** were awarded the best European innovations 2019, developed within ERCI's Railway Technology Districts by a Large Enterprise and an SME. The European "Coup de Coeur" Jury Prize went to **IVM Srl** with **POWERVE- Portable WEigher for RAILway VEHICLES**, a portable static scale for rolling stock.

The exhibition was inaugurated by **Giuseppe Gaudiello**, the President ANIE-ASSIFER; **Maurizio Gentile**, CEO and General Manager of RFI (the Italian Railway Network); **Andrea Gibelli**, President of FNM Group; **Marco Granelli**, Councilor for Mobility and Environment of the Municipality of Milan; **Marco Piuri**, Managing Director of Trenord, and **Claudia Maria**

Terzi, Councillor for Infrastructures Transport and Sustainable Mobility of the Lombardy Region.

The next edition of EXPO Ferroviaria will return to Milan in autumn 2021.

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