

## **IN EXCESS OF 100 MILLION EURO WORTH CONTRACTS AWARDED TO CAF IN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES**

### **Euromaint, a subsidiary of the CAF Group, has closed a deal with the railway operator VY to maintain the Bergensbanan fleet (Norway)**

The Norwegian operator VY has signed an agreement with Euromaint to maintain the fleet to be operated by the Norwegian company for the Bergen Railway in this Scandinavian country for 9 years.

The Swedish subsidiary of the CAF Group is the market leader in railway maintenance services and components in Sweden, and will contribute with a long-standing experience in the field to conduct most of its operations in Bergen, where a new maintenance workshop is currently being built for the line.

This contract is a first for Euromaint in Norway where it will conduct its activities hand in hand with VY thanks to both companies' extensive knowledge of local train operating conditions, in addition to cutting-edge efficient and quality train maintenance techniques.

The Bergen railway line (Bergensbanen) connects Oslo with Bergen. It is the highest railway in Northern Europe and is reputed for having been named one of the most spectacular railway routes in Europe.

Last December VY was awarded the contract to manage the operation of the Bergen Railway lines, with a view towards increasing long-distance, regional and local train traffic, improving regional transport connections whilst also upgrading on-board services. The VY Group is one of the largest transport groups in the Nordic region. Owned by the Norwegian Government, through the Department of Transport and Communications, it operates most of the passenger train services and a significant number of bus services in Norway.

The acquisition of Euromaint in 2019 reinforced CAF Group's growing service provision business, and this new contract will also consolidate the Company's strong foothold in the Nordic market, where the Group has implemented a considerable range of projects over recent years.

### **CAF to supply five additional metro units for Helsinki**

HKL (Helsingin kaupungin liikennelaitos), the company responsible for operating the Helsinki public transport systems has chosen CAF for the procurement of five new M300 series metro units. These will be added to the 20 trains that CAF previously supplied to the Finnish capital Metro system which are currently in service.

These new 4-car units will be similar to the already existing M300 units, increasing the current Helsinki Metro fleet from 45 to 50 trains as, aside from the 20 M300 CAF-produced trains, 6 M200 series trains and 19 M100 series trains are also currently in operation.

The new trains will span a total length of 90 metres with an approximate passenger capacity of 575. They will be fully accessible from end to end facilitating passenger circulation between cars on route.

This operation includes the supply of spare parts in addition to the train units. The trains are scheduled to be delivered over the course of 2022 with a view towards catering for the traffic increase forecast for the first half of the 2020s on the Metro West line towards Kivenlahti.

### **TMB procures 14 Zero-Emission Articulated Buses from the CAF Group**

On a final note, the Barcelona Metropolitan Transport Company - TMB published yesterday their decision to procure 14 electric bendy buses to Solaris, the affiliate of the CAF Group. This acquisition takes place in the context of TMB's plans to renew and environmentally upgrade urban buses in Barcelona and the City's metropolitan area. More precisely, these new electric vehicles will add to the transformation of the H16 (Pg. Zona Franca - Foro / Campus Besòs) on the first zero-emission line run by the operator.

The 14 buses to be supplied by Solaris belong to Solaris's New Urbino platform, which is 18 meters long and equipped with pantographs for battery charging: rapid on-route charging and slower vehicle charging at the depot. The units are planned to be commissioned for revenue service in the Catalan Capital in early 2021.