

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Keolis starts operating the new tram network in Odense, Denmark

- **Keolis began operating and maintaining the new tram network of the city of Odense on behalf of *Odense Letbane*.**
- **The 15-year contract was awarded in November 2018 and is expected to generate cumulative revenues of approximately €230 million.**

On 28 May 2022, Keolis received the first passengers of the new tram line in the city of Odense, which lies 165 km west of Copenhagen on the island of Funen.

This launch follows the award of a 15-year operation and maintenance contract by the city's transport authority in November 2018. This is Odense's very first tram line, representing a new mobility solution for the city and a true illustration of the local environmental policy to reduce car use. Other signs of this voluntary policy of the organizing authority: the network has devices to reduce noise pollution, as well as a control and maintenance center almost self-sufficient in energy thanks to the installation of 500 m<sup>2</sup> solar panels on the roof.

The line, which is 14.5 km long and serves 26 stations, is expected to carry between 10 and 11 million passengers every year and takes 42 minutes to connect Tarup, a neighbourhood in the north of the city, to Hjallesø in southern suburb of Odense. It will run through the downtown area, serving the main points of interest in the centre including the central station, the hospital, and Odense University.

Keolis has recruited 80 local staff for this contract, including 52 drivers.

#### 20 years of operations in Denmark

This launch serves to strengthen Keolis' status as an operator of carbon-free public transport in Denmark and illustrates the Keolis Group's current dynamic in the country.

Keolis has been present in Denmark since 2000, employing 1,800 people and operating approximately 550 buses in ten cities<sup>1</sup>, as well as the country's first tram network in Aarhus.

#### Key figures of the Odense tram network

- 14.5 kilometres	- 15 year contract
- 26 stations	- Cumulative turnover of approximately €230 million
- Between 10 and 11 million passengers per year	- 200,000 inhabitants
- 16 tramways carriages	- 80 new employees, including 52 drivers

<sup>1</sup> Aalborg, Copenhagen, Helsingør, Hinnerup, Hvidovre, Glostrup, Odense, Skibby, Slagelse and Tylstrup



## Keolis, the world's leading tram operator

With this new contract, Keolis now operates **26 tram networks** worldwide.

13 networks in France	13 international networks	
Besançon, Bordeaux, Caen, Dijon, Le Mans <sup>2</sup> , Lille, Lyon, Nancy, Orléans, Strasbourg <del>Erreur ! Signet non défini.</del> , Tours et le T9 et T11 in Île-de-France.	Australia	Gold Coast, Melbourne, and Newcastle
	Canada	Waterloo
	China	Shanghai and Jiaxing
	Denmark	Aarhus and Odense
	United Arab Emirates	Dubai
	Norway	Bergen
	United Kingdom	Manchester and Nottingham
	Qatar	Lusail
The Group is preparing the launch of the T13 tramway (France) scheduled for July 2022.		

### [About Keolis](#)

Keolis is a pioneer in developing public transport systems and works alongside public authorities who want to enhance shared mobility systems to grow the appeal and vitality of their regions. A world leader in operating automated metro and tramway systems, Keolis and its partners and subsidiaries Kisio, EFFIA, Keolis Santé and Cykleo support the core business with innovations offering new and bespoke shared mobility solutions for modes including trains, buses and coaches, trolleybuses, shared car solutions, river and sea shuttle services, bike share services, car sharing, fully electric driverless shuttles and urban cable cars. In France, Keolis is the second largest provider of parking management solutions through its subsidiary EFFIA, and the country's leader in medical transport since the creation of Keolis Santé in July 2017. The Group is 70%-owned by SNCF and 30%-owned by the Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec (Quebec Deposit and Investment Fund) and employs 68,000 people in 14 countries. In 2021, it posted revenue of €6.3 billion. In 2019, 3.4 billion passengers used one of Keolis' shared mobility services. [www.keolis.com](http://www.keolis.com)

\* Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, France, India, the Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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