

Keolis wins a rail contract in the Netherlands

- **The province of Gelderland has awarded Keolis Nederland the operation and maintenance contract for the rail service running between Amersfoort (Utrecht province) and Ede-Wageningen (Gelderland province), in the centre of the country.**
- **The 13-year contract will start in December 2023, generating €150 million in revenue over its duration. During the first two years, the trains will be modernised and redesigned to run under the brand *RRReis*¹.**

The 34-kilometre intercity rail line known as *Valleilijn* serves eight stations. The network's seven electric trains and 35 employees will be taken over by Keolis as of 10 December 2023.

During the first two years of the contract, the trains will be renovated to improve both passenger comfort (wider, more comfortable seats) and journey quality (more powerful Wi-Fi, USB connection points and power outlets). Passenger flows will be optimised by rearranging the train layout and increasing the number of seats.

As well as comfort and timetable reliability, Keolis will focus on the quality of passenger information. The trains will be fitted with an information system located on the outside of the trains to indicate occupancy rates in real time (green, orange, and red). Inside the carriages, a green light above the seats will indicate which seats are free. In addition, to allow for a smoother passenger journey, Keolis will recruit new employees, some of whom will be responsible for passenger service and safety.

Established in the Netherlands since 1999, Keolis is, with this new contract, developing its footprint in the country. The Group already operates the bus networks of the cities of Almere, the province of Utrecht and the Twente region, and three rail networks in the provinces of Overijssel and Gelderland.

Key contract figures

- 13 years and €150 million in revenue	- 34 km of lines
- 7 trains serving 8 stations	- 40 employees

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 Cykleo, EFFIA, Hove, Keolis Santé, Kisio and support the core business with innovations offering new and bespoke shared mobility solutions for modes including trains, buses and coaches, trolleybuses, on-demand transport, transport for people with reduced mobility, driver and sea shuttle services, bikes share services and long-term rental, car sharing and fully electric driverless shuttles. 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 13 countries. In 2022, it posted revenue of €6.7 billion. www.keolis.com

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

¹ Umbrella brand for regional public transport in the provinces of Flevoland, Gelderland and Overijssel.



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