

Alstom signs agreement to maintain trains across Europe

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Alstom has signed a long-term maintenance contract with European rail rental company Alpha Trains Group.

Under this agreement, **Alpha Trains** has asked **Alstom** to maintain part of its locomotive fleet for the next eight years on the European corridor. The collaboration started with 50 locomotives in October 2021, and thanks to the very high-performance level and quality of maintenance offered by Alstom, this figure has risen up to 70 after only a few months.

This long-term contract with **Alstom** allows **Alpha Trains** to offer greater reliability, availability and flexibility to its customers throughout Europe through preventive and corrective maintenance, long-term improvement actions and access to Alstom's mobile teams.

These teams can be on site very quickly in the event of a breakdown. **Alstom** also has an extensive network of depots in Europe, located along the main rail freight corridors, allowing a decreased downtime of the assets and increased availability of the fleets, a crucial value for Alpha Trains' customers.

“This contract with **Alpha Trains** is very important for us, it is proof of our customer’s trust in our services, and we are proud to be a long-term service partner,” explains Frank Strik, managing director Services, Benelux. “Alstom is the world leader in rail services, and this is a win-win situation for both parties. For Alstom, this enhanced collaboration is an opportunity to optimise its relationship with Alpha Trains, and to further strengthen its maintenance services division and leverage its growing EU maintenance network. We are very proud to have been selected by Alpha Trains Group.”

“We are delighted to have entered into a framework agreement with **Alstom** Benelux and **Alstom** Germany to maintain locomotives on a full-service basis. The agreement guarantees the high maintenance quality of Alstom, enabling Alpha Trains to offer the best reliability and availability of Traxx locomotives in Western and Central Europe,” said Fernando Pérez, Managing Director of the Locomotives Division of Alpha Trains.

The collaboration between Alstom and **Alpha Trains** had already started, several agreements already existed at local level. But this is the first time that the two companies have signed a global long-term framework agreement for such business.

In Benelux, the well-equipped and experimented sites in Antwerp, Bruges and Rotterdam contribute to the maintenance of these locomotives both in the depot and on site. The sites offer a large panel of activities on all types of railway vehicles. The Benelux Services activities which employ over 400 people is growing for all types of maintenance.

Alpha Trains is a major leasing and management company for rolling stock with more than 130 employees working at its different sites in Luxembourg, Antwerp, Cologne, Madrid, Paris and Warsaw. Alpha Trains has a fleet of more than 850 railcars and locomotives, which are currently used in 22 European countries by numerous public and private operators.