
EIB loan supports inter-city EMU order

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The European Investment Bank has finalised a €450m loan to support national passenger operator NS's €800m order for 79 InterCity New Generation electric multiple-units.

Part of Alstom's Coradia Stream family, the 49 five-car and 30 eight-car IC-NG units were ordered in July 2016 and are expected to enter service on the Amsterdam - Rotterdam - Breda and Den Haag - Eindhoven routes from 2021.

"These new trains will be a welcome addition to the already excellent rail transport facilities that Dutch commuters and tourists from all over the world can enjoy on a daily basis", said Vazil Hudak, EIB Vice-President responsible for transport, on June 29. "The bank is really proud to continue its relationship with NS by providing support for the next generation of inter-city trains that will soon be in action on the Dutch railway network".

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