

**New turnkey GSM-R infrastructure for ETCS L2 for
Slovakia Railways (Železnice Slovenskej republiky)**

Vienna / 23 March 2023 – A consortium under the lead of Kontron Transportation won the public procurement for the implementation of a new turnkey GSM-R infrastructure for ETCS Level 2 on the line into the ŽSR network on the section Varín - Košice - Čierna nad Tisou - state border. The project has a volume of approximately 40 million euros.

With the GSM-R mobile communication system, financed by the Connecting Europe Facility Fund, a further milestone in the Slovakian Railway communication will be set. The objective of this modernization project is interconnecting Slovakia's West and East by high quality railway infrastructure in accordance with the TEN-T interoperability requirements and the transport policies of Slovakia and the EU. The GSM-R system will ensure mobile telecommunication and data communication for the needs of railway operation and for the introduction of the ERTMS system, i.e. the European Rail Traffic Management System, on the section of the railway infrastructure Varín - Košice - Čierna nad Tisou. It's the main corridor in the Slovakian Republic and it connecting West and East Europe.

A digitally enabled railway network will be built, that brings benefits for railway operators and passengers. For example a modern communication system enables railways to better inform passengers and a reliable radio coverage increases the safety of drivers, maintenance teams and passengers.

A consortium of the companies Kontron Transportation s.r.o., AŽD Praha s.r.o. and Elektrizace železnic Praha a.s., will work on the realization of this project. Kontron Transportaton leads this consortium. "We are looking forward to a good cooperation with our partners and customer in course of the project, which is going to drive to the modernization of another important section of the line." says Bernd Eder, Chief Executive Officer, Kontron Transportation.

Kontron Transportation will do the development, the design, the integration and the implementation of all components together with the partners in the consortium. The implementation work will start in the first quarter of 2023 and will take approximately 2 years.

About Kontron Transportation GmbH

Kontron Transportation GmbH is a global leading supplier of dedicated end-to-end communication solutions for mission-critical networks that offers tailor made solutions to support its customers with their communication challenges. The company's focus is to produce, transport and process voice, data and video information reliably and securely in an efficient and sustainable way. The core product portfolio includes GSM-Railways, FRMCS (future railway mobile communication system), MCx (mission-critical over public networks), 4G/5G public network solutions and IIoT solutions focusing on data processing. Main customers are railways and public transport operators all over Europe. Kontron Transportation drives the evolution into the next generation of broadband solutions for mission-critical networks, for instance as an associated member of the European research initiative Shift2Rail. The company has more than 450 employees, 10 sites all over Europe and is headquartered in Vienna.

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