

## Eleven new Desiro ML trains for ÖBB: Austria's mass transit more economical and comfortable than ever

- **ÖBB orders 11 new Desiro ML trains from Siemens Mobility**
- **By the end of 2021, a total of 200 ML ÖBB Cityjets will be in service**
- **Further trains will be retrofitted with ETCS to ensure highest safety standards**

ÖBB (Austrian Federal Railways) is calling up eleven trains from the existing framework contract for 200 Desiro ML trains from Siemens Mobility, thereby completing the contract. When the new trains are delivered by the end of 2021, a total of 200 Desiro ML ÖBB Cityjets will be in service and substantially enhance the quality of travel for passengers. Equipped with WLAN, air conditioning, power outlets, tables for opposite seats and many other amenities, the trains offer local commuters all the comforts and conveniences that previously were only available on long-distance trains.

The first 101 Desiro ML ÖBB Cityjets have been in service in eastern Austria since 2015. The second call for 64 trainsets followed in 2016, and 24 more trains were last called up in 2019.

Sabrina Soussan, CEO of Siemens Mobility, notes that "the Siemens Mobility Desiro ML combines reliability, safety and operational efficiency with great comfort and extremely satisfied passengers. Austria's rail users now have 200 good reasons for traveling in ecofriendly trains. Moreover, some of the Desiro ML ÖBB Cityjets are equipped for battery hybrid technology and can ensure emission-free, climate-friendly travel."

The eleven new Desiro ML ÖBB Cityjet trains will be built in cooperation by the Siemens Mobility plant in Krefeld and the ÖBB Technical Service GmbH in Wien Jedlersdorf and equipped with the European Train Control System (ETCS). The other Desiro ML ÖBB Cityjets in the fleet will also be equipped with ETCS by the end of 2023. The ETCS train control technology enables operators to schedule shorter headways on existing rail infrastructure.

The entry areas of the new Desiro ML ÖBB Cityjets have been further optimized to ease and flow of passengers at stations and ensure high punctuality in Vienna's S-Bahn network. The trains are barrier-free and offer passengers numerous amenities: the comfortable seats, tables at the opposing seats, power outlets, window shades, full-length luggage racks, reading lights, WLAN with the Railnet Regio on-board portal, and large monitors for passenger information provide a relaxing and convenient travel experience.

The Desiro ML ÖBB Cityjet from Siemens Mobility scores technically with an overall length of 75 meters, a top speed of 160 km/h and the ability to rapidly accelerate. Another special feature: The eleven newly ordered trains, like the 24 Desiro ML trains ordered in March 2019, are equipped for converting to battery hybrid technology. When converted, they can also be used as emission-free alternatives on non-electrified rail lines. This will enable passengers on these routes to travel in modern, comfortable, barrier-free and environmentally friendly trains without having to change trains.

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