

**PRESS RELEASE**

New Webuild Contract

• Contract Value

• Italy

**Palermo-Catania Railway  
Nuova Enna-Dittaino Section**  
Italy

€ **616** mln



**WEBUILD, AS CONSORTIUM LEADER, AWARDED  
€616 MLN NUOVA ENNA-DITTAINO SECTION OF PALERMO-CATANIA FAST RAIL LINE**

**GROUP REINFORCES COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY, EMPLOYMENT IN SOUTHERN ITALY: 650 JOBS, 100 SUPPLY CHAIN BUSINESSES, CIRCULAR ECONOMY SOLUTIONS**

- *Contract for design and construction of 15 kilometres of new railway, nearly all in tunnels or on viaducts*
- *Project to contribute to make Palermo-Catania line faster, safer, more punctual*
- *Webuild already working on Bicocca-Catenanuova section of line*



MILAN, October 20, 2022 – Webuild and its consortium partner have been awarded a €616-million contract to design and build a section of the Palermo-Catania rail line, a sustainable mobility contract that will make trains travel faster, safer and more punctual between the two Sicilian cities. The section, known as Lot 4b, covers the design and construction of the Nuova Enna-Dittaino. Webuild will lead the consortium with a 70% stake, with partner Pizzarotti having the remaining 30%.



Commissioned by Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (RFI) of the Italian state railway operator Gruppo Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane (FS), the contract will be financed also from Italy's National Plan for Recovery and Resilience, (PNRR in Italy). Works will start after design which is expected to start before year-end. The construction of Lot 4b is expected to create 650 jobs, direct and indirectly, and involve a supply chain of 100 companies. Webuild is already involved in the construction of the Bicocca Catenanuova, another section of the same Palermo-Catania line.

Lot 4b includes the construction of 15 kilometres of new railway, 8.5 kilometres of which will pass through three tunnels, and another 2 kilometres across five viaducts. It also involves the construction of a train station at Enna and the modernization of the one at Dittaino.

Key features of the bid under consideration include the quality of the design and the sustainable solutions to minimise the impact that the construction of the section will have on the surrounding area. Processes that contribute to the principles of a circular economy are another feature, such as the reuse of 99% of all the earth excavated, the recovery and reuse of rain and industrial water, energy consumption efficiency as well as the use of solar panels.

The Palermo-Catania railway belongs to an initiative within the European Union to develop a sustainable mobility network called the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T). Webuild is contributing to the development of the network in other parts of Italy on projects such as the Genoa-Milan High-Speed, High-Capacity Railway Line, (also known as the Terzo Valico dei Giovi Genova Junction), several important sections of the Brenner Base Tunnel in the northeast, and a number of sections of the high-speed railway between Naples and Bari in the south.

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