Information sheet

France's first regional rail link open to competition Marseille-Toulon-Nice

Monday, June 30, 2025 - Inaugural trip

"Everything changes but the view

1. New Marseille-Nice line, a turning point in the history of regional rail transport in France

- Pioneering vision of the Région Sud, the first in France to open up the daily train market to competition (following a tender procedure launched in 2019, with an award in November 2021).
- Transdey, the first private operator to run a regional train since the nationalization of railways in 1938.
- On August 25, 2024, Transdev subsidiary Transdev Rail Sud Inter-Métropoles (TRSI) was awarded its Safety Certificate to operate the Marseille-Toulon-Nice route. This gives TRSI full railway company status.
- This line represents 10% of the Région Sud's regional rail service, over 158 km.
- Start of commercial operation by Transdev, Sunday June 29, 2025 (departure from Marseille at 5:57 a.m., departure from Nice at 5:34 a.m.).
- Official inaugural trip on Monday June 30, 2025, in presence of Renaud Muselier, President of the Région Sud, and Thierry Mallet, Chairman and CEO of Transdev, between Marseille and Toulon.

2. Key figures for the new rail service

- Doubled service: 14 roundtrips / day on weekdays (1 train per hour), 16 round-trips on weekends.
- Extended opening hours: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- On-time target: 97.5%.
- 9 stations served: Marseille Saint-Charles, Toulon, Carnoules, Les Arcs Draguignan, Saint-Raphaël Valescure, Cannes, Antibes, Nice Saint-Augustin, Nice-Ville.
- More than 92,000 tickets sold since marketing began on March 12, 2025.
- Journey time: 2h40.

3. New trains and new services

- 16 new Omneo Premium double-decker trainsets, built by Alstom in Crespin (Hauts-de-France), with the 'Origine France Garantie' label.
- Capacity: 400 seated passengers per train (up to 730 in double trains).
- Easy access for people with reduced mobility (level boarding).
- Comfort and services on board:
 - 1èreand 2ndeclass with baggage areas
 - Wi-Fi, on-board catering, bicycle storage (12 spaces/frame).
 - Enhanced human presence with passenger relations and security agents.

4. Infrastructure and maintenance, integral to the efficiency of the new rail service

- A new 2,000 m² maintenance and storage site in central Nice, eco-designed to meet the highest performance standards. It includes a multi-purpose track enabling all train maintenance operations to be carried out: pit work, roof work, train lifting, handling of heavy loads.
- The new site is the fruit of a 100% NGE multi-trade consortium involving NGE IMMOBILIER (developer), NGE GENIE CIVIL, EGENIE, TSO CATENAIRES and NGE FONDATIONS;
- The investment amounts to EUR 40 million, financed by Région Sud and supported by TRSI.
- In-house maintenance guarantees maximum train availability, a key element in the efficiency and quality of rail service.

5. <u>Ecological commitment</u>

- 100% French green energy supply (green certificates).
- Drivers trained in rail eco-driving.

6. Social and economic impact

- Creation of more than 180 direct jobs (drivers, maintenance mechanics, customer relations agents, etc.) and inclusive recruitment (internal training, reintegration).
- Unchanged fares for subscribers, with a 20% reduction from July 1, 2025.
- Expected decongestion of roads and savings for passengers compared with private cars.

7. Transdev's international expertise

More than 25 years of Transdev international rail experience: Germany (since 1998), New Zealand, Netherlands, Sweden.
320 million passengers transported annually in these countries. "Global expertise for local impact".

