

RATP Dev renewed for the operation and maintenance of the multimodal Irigo network in Angers Loire Métropole

Angers, 8 July 2025 - Marking a new phase in their successful collaboration, the Angers Loire Métropole urban community has renewed the contract with RATP Dev, a subsidiary of the RATP Group, for the operation and maintenance of its Irigo mobility network. This new six-year public service delegation contract will take effect on 1 January 2026 and will run until 2031, building on a robust and far-reaching partnership that began in 2019.

The Irigo network in figures

- 3 tram lines (2 of which opened in 2023)
- 4 major bus lines
- 8 local bus lines
- 5 express bus lines
- 13 suburban bus lines
- 1 night bus line
- 1 transport service for people with reduced mobility: Mouv'irigo
- 1 on-demand transport service: Irigo Flex
- 1 carpooling service
- Support for the visibility of the region's bicycle services (bicycle network, velobox bike-parking)

For the past six years, the Irigo network, operated by RD Angers (a subsidiary of RATP Dev), has served 310,000 inhabitants across 29 municipalities. Transporting nearly 43 million passengers each year, the partnership has proved productive since 2022, with ridership growth of 26%, travelcard subscription growth of 18% and a user satisfaction rate of 81% according to the latest survey.

The results reflect RATP Dev's successful roll-out of Angers Loire Métropole's ambitious vision for mobility featuring a broad and integrated modal offer prioritising intermodality. By integrating different transport modes in Angers, RATP Dev supports the urban community in widening the offer of efficient and responsible mobility solutions and encouraging residents and visitors to use them.

Over the course of the new contract, RATP Dev aims to build on these results to integrate ever more sustainable and user-friendly mobility solutions to attract new users and support regional development, with plans to extend services in the urban community's priority development zones serving an additional 8000 residents. By 2030, express bus lines focused on growth zones will run every 30 minutes throughout the day. Demand-responsive transport (DRT) will also see significant development with the aim of doubling the number of trips by 2031.

On the environmental front, Irigo will continue its green transition. Already ISO 14001 certified, the network aims to have 66% of buses running on BioNGV by the end of 2029.



In addition, considerable investment will be made in renewal of the vehicle fleet, expanding training in eco-driving and reducing electricity consumption in depots by 10%. Human development within the Irigo network will also feature heavily within the next contract phase with the planned recruitment of 60 drivers and 48 apprentices.

Jean Castex, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the RATP Group: *"The renewal of our partnership with Angers Loire Métropole is excellent news and recognition of the work accomplished by the RATP Dev teams. It is also the confirmation of a shared vision for ever more innovative, accessible and sustainable mobility. We are proud to support Angers in its green transition and to contribute to the region's dynamism by offering a quality service that meets the expectations of users. This new contract demonstrates our long-term commitment to communities."*

Hiba Farès, Chief Executive Officer of RATP Dev: *"This contract renewal is an honour for all the teams involved. In partnership with the urban community, RATP Dev has been operating Angers' multimodal network since 2019 and in 2023 supported the successful launch of two new tram lines. And with passenger numbers up 26% and more than 43 million trips per year, the figures speak for themselves. We will continue this trajectory to boost ridership even further across the different transport modes whilst enhancing the environmental exemplarity of the network."*

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