

RATP Group signs a Memorandum of Understanding with the Royal Commission of AlUla, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to support the development of local public transport and contribute to the vitality of the territory, home of Saudi Arabia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site

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On the occasion of the visit of the French Republic President in Saudi Arabia, Catherine Guillouard, Chairwoman and CEO of RATP Group, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Eng. Amr Saleh Almadani, CEO of the Royal Commission for AlUla in presence of Mr. Gerard Mestrallet, Executive Chairman of the French Agency for AlUla Development.

At the heart of the Saudi Government's Vision 2030 plan to modernize the country, AlUla is part of a series of extraordinary projects that aim to develop the Kingdom's cultural and tourist offer. This MoU will bring the two organizations to cooperate more closely and actively in proposing innovative and sustainable mobility solutions to meet the future demands of the city inhabitants and visitors.

Drawing on its experience as the third-largest public transport operator in the world, RATP Group will bring to the Royal Commission its integrated vision and expertise from designing to operating state-of-the-art multimodal networks to better serve the ambitions of the Kingdom, offering reliable and connected mobility solutions for smart, sustainable cities.

« We are thrilled to work alongside the Royal Commission for AlUla to design the best mobility solutions, such as tramways, autonomous shuttles and buses to and from the local airport, that will shine a spotlight on this remarkable natural and cultural destination in North-West Saudi Arabia. Transportation is instrumental in the development of AlUla and RATP Group is committed to the success of this project. As 3rd worldwide operator of urban transport, we are looking forward to mobilizing our expertise and know-how, be it on autonomous, electric and hybrid vehicles but also on Mobility as a Service. »

Catherine Guillouard
RATP Group Chairwoman and CEO

RATP Group in Saudi Arabia

In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, RATP Group through its subsidiaries RATP Dev has a long-term strategic partnership with SAPTCO (Saudi Public Transport Company) on public transport projects in the Kingdom:

- the Riyadh Bus network awarded to their joint venture (Public Transportation Company (PTC) in 2014;
- flagship Riyadh Metro operations and maintenance contract for Lines 1 and 2 awarded to their joint venture Capital Metro Company (CAMCO).

By 2023, the RATP Group will employ a total of 6,000 people in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

About RATP Group

With 16 million trips daily worldwide, RATP Group is one of the largest urban transport operators in the world. Through its subsidiary RATP DEV, the Group operates in 14 countries on 4 continents, where it provides everyday mobility services across 8 transport modes: metro, urban and intercity buses, trams, rail, sightseeing services, cable cars, maritime shuttles, and transport on demand. The Group also has a strong presence in new forms of mobility, in partnership with other modes (free-floating electric scooters, car-sharing, carpooling and autonomous shuttles, smart car parks). The Group leverages its recognised expertise in infrastructure management and engineering to provide, via its subsidiaries, a wide range of urban services from engineering and managing real estate and retail areas, to delivering fibre networks, tailor-made passenger information and innovative ticketing solutions.

For over 70 years, RATP has operated one of the world's densest multimodal networks in Île-de-France. RATP Group's 69,000 employees worldwide design, implement and bring to life mobility solutions and innovative services to make the city more sustainable and more human.

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