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Lorient Agglomération awards RATP Dev the contract to run its bus and boat network

The elected representatives of the Lorient conurbation held a council meeting on 17 October in which they awarded RATP Dev the contract to manage the conurbation's urban transport network. The new contract will enter into effect on 1 January 2018 for a five-year term and should generate 167 million euros in revenue overall.

The CTRL network caters to over 200,000 inhabitants of the 25 municipalities in the Lorient conurbation. It has 34 regular urban bus lines, 11 inter-urban lines, four maritime lines including the *Ar Vag Tredan* boat – the world's first ferry to be 100% electrically-powered by ultra-capacitors – 126 school bus lines, ten ToD lines and a transport service for reduced-mobility passengers. The network will also have 21 event-based lines during the Festival Interceltique de Lorient.

According to Lorient Agglomération, "the offer presented by RATP Dev, based on the characteristics of this territory, meets appropriately the requirements of Lorient Agglomération to support the future network restructuring, guarantees quality of service and relations with the user, and clearly describes the methodical approach to social dialogue".

"We are delighted with our future partnership with Lorient Conurbation in a network where all the know-how of RATP Group, its innovation and service quality, can be used for the region's inhabitants. This contract also bolsters our presence in Brittany following on from the contract awarded by Golfe du Morbihan – Vannes conurbation a year ago to manage its network", stated RATP Dev Executive Board President Laurence Batlle.

RATP Dev aims to field an optimised transport network with greater efficiency in terms of service production and greater regularity with reduced time bus routes thanks to better use of the *Triskell* infrastructure (which is proprietary and focuses on buses). Many hands-on commercial actions will be launched to improve passenger information including boosting the customer agency, a new website and improving real-time information at stops and on-board.

Jacqueline Jury, previously director of Compagnie des Transports du Boulonnais (CTB), the RATP Dev subsidiary operating the urban network in Boulogne-sur-Mer, will head up the network.

About RATP Dev

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