

## **CREIL SUD OISE CONURBATION CHOOSES RATP DEV AS NEW OPERATOR FOR URBAN TRANSPORT NETWORK ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**On 23 July 2019 the elected representatives of *Communauté d'agglomération Creil Sud Oise* (ACSO) officially signed a public service delegation agreement with RATP Group subsidiary RATP Dev to manage the conurbation's transport network for seven years.**

The ACSO network caters to over 86,000 inhabitants across eleven municipalities in the conurbation and boasts ten bus lines, eleven school bus lines and Transport On Demand (ToD) services. The new public service delegation agreement will begin on 1 September 2019 and will continue the offering currently made available to passengers. It will also work on implementing a modernised, improved network for 2020.

Regional coverage will be made to match users' expectations to provide more efficient support for the changes in the ACSO network, thanks in particular to a restructured offering on 1 September to reinforce structural lines, increase amplitude and frequency during peak times, add articulated buses to double transport capacity, strengthen anti-fraud measures and implement a long-term bicycle hire service.

In addition, an innovative transport offering, the first of its kind to be deployed in France on this scale, will be provided to replace specific bus lines and cater to three kinds of usage:

- Customised services between business/activity areas and Creil railway station
- To strengthen services for peri-urban and rural municipalities
- A night-time service for workers early in the morning or late at night with connections with the RER

Karima Mimis, the future network director, and RATP Dev teams are already fully mobilised and committed to ensuring a seamless transition for passengers and staff in September.

According to **Jean-Claude Villemain, president of Agglomération Creil Sud Oise**, "the proposal from RATP Dev will provide solid support for our mobility challenge. Increased coverage between urban and rural municipalities takes account of the specific features of our region better to meet our inhabitants' expectations. In the new public service delegation contract, we have managed to translate the more demanding expectations of our inhabitants encountered at mobility meetings held in all ACSO municipalities. We are delighted with the future partnership".

**RATP Dev Executive Board President Laurence Batlle** stated: "we are proud to be able to build together a new chapter in the mobility policy alongside the Creil Sud Oise conurbation to meet the mobility needs of the region and its inhabitants. The RATP Dev offering will feature a more inclusive, more human and more innovative mobility approach while guaranteeing public service continuity after 1 September."

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### **About Agglomération Creil Sud Oise (ACSO)**

The region covered by the Creil Sud Oise conurbation is both urban and rural with a population of 86,000 across eleven municipalities. The 51 elected representatives and 130 employees in ACSO strive to plan, develop and revitalise inter-municipal activities: economic expansion and employment, urban policy and living conditions, mobility, waste collection and natural resource protection policies and promoting sorting, management of water and waste water along with support for cultural activities. ACSO intends placing the inhabitant at the heart of its regional project with information and involvement in decision-making processes to build together a conurbation that ensures value for rural life while preserving and developing urban areas. **ACSO: a place for history, a place for the future.**

### **About RATP Dev**

Established in 2002, RATP Dev operates and maintains urban transportation systems in 12 countries on four continents (United Kingdom, France, Italy, Switzerland, Algeria, Morocco, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, China, the Philippines, and the United States of America). With more than 1.5 billion passengers travelling on its networks every year, RATP Dev demonstrates every day its extensive and renowned expertise in a wide range of mobility services, ranging from rail, regional express rail, tramway, to bus, cable car and sightseeing activities. RATP Dev leverages in France, outside of Paris, and across international markets, the technical expertise and experience of RATP Group, the leader in driverless and tramway operations and operator of the Paris network, one of the largest public transportation networks in the world. In France, RATP Dev operates networks in some forty towns, cities, conurbations and departments such as Bourges, Boulogne-sur-Mer, Vierzon, Charleville-Mézières and Annemasse, etc.).