

PRESS RELEASE

**THE ÉTAMINE CONSORTIUM WINS TWO MAJOR CONTRACTS
AS PART OF THE EXTRAMOBILE PROGRAMME
FOR THE EUROPEAN METROPOLIS OF LILLE**

The European Metropolis of Lille has awarded the Étamine consortium, comprising SYSTRA, Ingérop, Transitec, Gautier+Conquet puma, Richez_Associés and Lavigne & Chéron, the project management of the new tramway for the Lille metropolitan area and its suburbs, as well as the Lille–Villeneuve d'Ascq Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line.

The Extramobile programme, which aims to transform mobility in the European Metropolis of Lille (MEL) by 2035, consists of new, high-performance structural lines designed to improve accessibility and encourage a modal shift towards public transport.

The Étamine consortium has won two project management contracts for this programme:

- **The Lille metropolitan area tramway and its surrounding area**, awarded to the ÉTAMINE consortium, comprising SYSTRA (lead contractor), Ingérop, Transitec, and the architectural firms Gautier+Conquet puma, Richez_Associés and Lavigne & Chéron;
- **The Lille - Villeneuve d'Ascq BRT**, awarded to the ÉTAMINE consortium, comprising SYSTRA, Ingérop (lead contractor), Transitec, and the architectural firms Gautier+Conquet puma and Richez_Associés.

A tramway and BRT line serving 290,000 residents

The tram line in the Lille metropolitan area and its suburbs aims to transform mobility, better connect the municipalities of the metropolis and improve the living environment of the Lille metropolitan area. With a route length of 25 km, it will criss-cross dense urban neighbourhoods as well as areas with high potential for development and urban planning, with around 47 stations located in 11 municipalities: Wambrechies, Marquette-Lez-Lille, Saint-André-Lez-Lille, Lambersart, La Madeleine, Lille, Loos, Haubourdin, Faches-Thumesnil, Wattignies and Templemars. The neighbourhoods served are home to approximately 180,000 residents and 136,000 jobs, and welcome up to 36,000 schoolchildren and students within a 500-metre radius of the line.

The Lille - Villeneuve d'Ascq BRT will connect the municipalities of Lomme, Lille, Hellemmes, Lezennes, Villeneuve d'Ascq and Sainghin-en-Mélantois, and even Loos and Sequedin, via approximately 36 stations, and will connect with the metro, tram and bus networks. It will serve nearly 112,000 residents and 136,000 jobs, while offering new connections to metropolitan facilities such as EuraTechnologies, the Stade Pierre

Mauroy, the Cité Scientifique campus in Villeneuve d'Ascq, and the Haute Borne Science Park, all of which are located with .

The aim of these projects is to support urban transformation and improve the living environment, while striving for environmental and societal excellence through an eco-design approach.

Find out more about the Extramobile project: lillemetropole.fr/extramobile

Éric de Balincourt, President of SYSTRA France, said: *"SYSTRA France, as part of the Étamine consortium, is one of the main partners of the European Metropolis of Lille in the implementation of the Extramobile programme. These successes reinforce SYSTRA France's presence in the field of urban mobility consulting engineering, serving the transformation of one of Europe's major metropolitan areas."*

Yves Metz, President of Ingérop, added: *"The integration of trams and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) into Lille's transport network is a crucial step in addressing the challenges of congestion and sustainability that we face. What's more, these two modes of transport not only improve mobility for our fellow citizens, but are also part of an urban transformation process in which the Ingérop Group plays a key role as a local partner of the European Metropolis of Lille."*

As part of the Extramobile programme, SYSTRA was also awarded the project management contract for the Maintenance and Storage Site (SMR) for the maintenance and storage of future tram trains in Lille and its suburbs, as well as the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project management contract for the transport systems required for all new tram and BRT line projects.

About SYSTRA France

SYSTRA France is part of the SYSTRA Group, one of the world's leading engineering and consulting groups specialising in public transport and mobility solutions. For more than 65 years, the Group has been working with cities and regions to contribute to their development by creating, improving and modernising their transport infrastructure. With 11,000 employees, the SYSTRA Group's mission is to facilitate travel around the world, bringing people together and enabling access to employment, healthcare, education and leisure.

A leading name in transport solutions, SYSTRA supports its partners and clients throughout the entire life cycle of their projects.

Present in Lille since 1975, SYSTRA played a key role in the design of the city's metro network, the first in the world to be fully automated. SYSTRA France now has around 50 employees based in Lille and, in early 2024, was awarded a contract by the Société des Grands Projets (SGP) to provide environmental engineering consultancy services for Lille's future Regional Express Metropolitan Service (SERM).

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About Ingérop

Based in Rueil-Malmaison (92) and with a long-standing presence in Lille, Ingérop is an engineering and consulting group working on major challenges to build the world of tomorrow, starting today: sustainable mobility, energy transition, living environment. The group has built a solid reputation across all construction sectors: building, water, energy, industry, infrastructure & mobility, transport and cities.

Its experienced teams offer specialised technical support covering all phases of projects and construction sites. A leading player in France, Ingérop has a strong and growing international presence. The group continues to grow steadily, drawing on its shareholder independence, technical expertise, capacity for innovation and proximity to its customers.

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About Transitec

TRANSITEC is an independent consulting firm specialising in mobility issues, founded in 1954. TRANSITEC's expertise is recognised in all the countries where it operates (Switzerland, France, Morocco, Portugal) and internationally, covering all topics and stages of reflection in this field. Its work is characterised by a commitment to addressing issues in a comprehensive, methodical and attentive manner. With a general principle of "doing more and better with less", prioritising the optimisation of existing multimodal services before developing them, we demonstrate pragmatism and a constant focus on innovation.

The company's 130 or so employees guarantee the quality of its studies and ensure that it listens carefully to its customers and partners. With a keen interest in mobility and degrees in the field, and mindful of the importance of quality communication, they receive regular in-house training to master methods and software.

As a company on a human scale, TRANSITEC attaches great importance to maintaining the spirit of the group. Its thousands of references are the best guarantee of the quality of its services and the relevance of its approach to supporting its customers and partners over the long term.

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About Gautier+conquet puma

Gautier+conquet puma is an agency of urban planners, architects and landscape architects comprising around ten people. Originally part of the gautier+conquet & Associés agency, this studio has been operating for over 25 years in various fields, with particular expertise in tramway projects.

Dominique Gautier and Stéphane Conquet built their first references from public commissions. The history and reputation of the studio have developed around two complementary areas of expertise: public spaces and buildings. This dual expertise enables the agency to design integrated and harmonious projects that meet the needs of users and environmental requirements.

For more than 25 years, it has established itself as a key player in the tramway sector, combining innovation, sustainability and aesthetics.

A commitment to excellence and a passion for architecture drive the agency to aim ever higher, offering designs that are attractive, functional and sustainable.

About Richez_Associés

Richez_Associés is an architecture, urban planning and landscape design agency with more than 120 employees who are directly involved in shaping cities.

In 40 years of enthusiastic practice, the agency has earned a reputation for excellence, combining the skills of its three professions—architect, urban planner and landscape architect—to respond appropriately to the global challenges facing cities and regions. Its work philosophy is based on high standards, cross-disciplinary skills and eco-responsible practice. From initial studies to construction, Richez_Associés upholds ethical as well as aesthetic standards. Enhancing the context, performance of use, clarity of image, environmental quality, sustainability and control of the carbon footprint are the watchwords for project development.

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About Lavigne & Chéron

The Lavigne Chéron Architects agency, or "Architecture et Ouvrages d'Art" (Architecture and Engineering Structures), specialises in engineering structures, major civil engineering works (roads, motorways, railways, public transport, maritime and river structures) and urban development.

Through its experience with complex projects, the agency has developed a personal approach to cross-disciplinary architectural design. This approach is based on the importance given to simplicity and education in the presentation of concepts, in order to promote architectural quality and formal unity throughout the life of the project and among all those involved in the construction process.

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