

## **The 10<sup>th</sup> Eurasia Rail Exhibition Sets for Hosting the Railway Industry!**

**Recognized as the only exhibition in Eurasia and one of the biggest railway industry exhibitions in the world, Eurasia Rail will be held for the 10<sup>th</sup> time from March 8<sup>th</sup> to March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Istanbul Expo Center.**

International Rolling Stock, Infrastructure and Logistics Exhibition – Eurasia Rail gets ready to host the world’s leading railway authorities. In its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the exhibition will bring together industry leaders and professional visitors from all around the world under the same roof.

Having hosted 156 exhibitors from 16 countries and around 8,000 visitors from 54 countries, the 9<sup>th</sup> Eurasia Rail organized in 2021 achieved a huge success despite the pandemic.

In the 10<sup>th</sup> Eurasia Rail to host key international exhibitors from various countries such as France, Germany, the United Kingdom, and the Czech Republic this year, numerous industry-leading institutions and organizations, including the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Turkish State Railways (T.C.D.D), T.C.D.D Taşımacılık, Türasaş (Turkish Railway Vehicles Industry Inc.), Aselsan, Kardemir (Karabük Iron Steel Industry Trade & Co. Inc.), CAF, T.C.D.D Teknik, Durmazlar, Yapı Merkezi, WAGO, Plasser, Nexans, Voestalpine, and Siemens, have already confirmed their enrollment.

Stating that Eurasia Rail will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, Semi Benbanaste, the Exhibition Director, continued:

"Türkiye’s progress in transportation and infrastructure, especially during the last 20 years, in addition to recent efforts in railway sector during the last year strongly support the current position of Eurasia Rail. Even though we still have more than 4 months until the exhibition takes place, the recent applications to our Sales Department indicate that we are getting ready for a Eurasia Rail event with the highest number of exhibitors and visitors of all time."

### **Even More Developments in Railway Sector Under Way**

Having stated that a century’s worth of infrastructure need for transportation and logistics in Türkiye had been fulfilled with investments of \$183 billion during the last 20 years, Benbanaste emphasized that developments in railway sector will be further improved by new targets. Benbanaste continued:

"The Marmaray connected the Asian side and the European side under the Bosphorus strait by a commuter rail line. China Railway Express, the first freight train departing from China to arrive Europe via the Marmaray, has reached at the Czech Republic after passing through our country in November 2019. Another major investment in railway freight shipment was Baku-Tbilisi-Kars Railway, which strengthened Türkiye’s position in railway freight shipment. 2053

Transportation and Logistics Master Plan, which was publicly announced in April 2022, provides a clear picture of Türkiye's railway vision."

Stating that Türkiye has come a long way with its high-speed rail investments in passenger transportation, Benbanaste explained that 8 cities have been connected with high-speed rail lines since 2003 and the number of cities to be connected with these rail lines is planned to be 52 by 2053.

## **270 Million Railway Passengers: Yearly Passenger Traffic Goal by 2053**

According to 2053 Transportation and Logistics Master Plan, which was publicly announced in April 2022 by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Türkiye's railway share in passenger transportation and freight shipment will be increased.

Railway passenger transportation share, which is currently 1%, is planned to reach 6.20% and yearly railway passenger traffic, which is currently around 19.5 million, is planned to reach 270 million passengers by 2053.

The Ministry plans to increase its 55 million tons of freight target for 2023 by around 7 times by 2053, thus 448 million tons of freight will be subject to shipment by railways by 2053 and the logistics share of railways will become higher than average share in Europe by 21.93%.

These targets are planned to be achieved by completion of a total of 8,554 km of rail lines by 2053, consisting of 6,196 km of speed rail, 1,474 km of conventional rail, 622 km of high-speed rail, and 262 km very high-speed rail lines, respectively.

To this end, a total of \$197.9 billion worth of investments, including railway investments, are planned to be made in transportation and logistics.

Aiming at extending inner-city rail systems, Türkiye currently has a total of 811.4 km of inner-city rail system lines in 12 cities in operation.

## **Introduction of Next Generation Designs and Technologies in Eurasia Rail!**

"As the only railway exhibition in Eurasia and one of the top 3 railway exhibitions in the world", Eurasia Rail will provide a platform to introduce and discuss the latest innovations, developments and technologies as well as new investments in the railway industry during various conferences to take place simultaneously throughout the exhibition.

Within the scope of this year's event schedule to take place simultaneously with the exhibition for 3 days, Eurasia Rail provide opportunities for industrial cooperations, business partnerships, international treaties, next generation systems and technologies in transportation vehicles, and introduce success stories, and marketing strategies.

Eurasia Rail provides a great platform to effectively demonstrate revolutionary investments and efforts made by our country in the railway industry and rail systems during the recent years to the entire world as well as providing opportunities for the leading actors of the industry to introduce their innovative products developed by technology-oriented R&D investments and sharing their sectoral knowledge and professional experience.

Moreover, various start-ups that have already proven themselves in the railway industry with innovative solutions, including augmented reality, autonomous robots, cybersecurity, 3D printing, simulation technologies, BIM, and energy efficiency solutions, will introduce the latest developments to the industry.