

Lantania to modernise the Volujak-Petarch railway line in Bulgaria for 47 million euros

- The works are expected to take 40 months and include the renovation of the Kostinbrod station
- This is the company's second contract in the Balkan country

Madrid, 23rd March, 2021. Lantania, in collaboration with with VDH AD, one of the leading construction companies in Bulgaria belonging to the Hidrostroy Group, will carry out the renovation of the Volujak-Petarch railway link, which is part of the Sofia-Dragoman line. The contract amounts to 47 million euros and has been granted by the Bulgarian National Railway Infrastructure Company (NCRI), ADIF's counterpart in the Balkan country. The contract was signed yesterday at the railway operator's headquarters in Sofia by the Director General of NCRI, Krassimir Papukchiiski, the CEO of VDH AD, Momchill Borisov, and the Director of International Development of Lantania, Joaquín Navarro.

The project includes the renovation of the Kostinbrod city station with the construction of an annex building as well as the refurbishment and construction of pedestrian underpasses and a bus stop. The works will take 40 months and are scheduled to start this spring.

The actions of the consortium, of which Lantania is a member, will involve the modernisation of 12 km of track between Voluyak and Petarch to adapt the speed of trains to 160 km/h, which will require the construction of new layouts with civil works for the platform and structures, the renewal of the railway track and the traction and catenary system.

The towns of Voluyak and Petarch are located in the Bulgarian province of Sofia in the west of the country. The section of railway linking the two towns is part of the Sofia-Dragoman line that connects the nation's capital with the Serbian border. This railway line is included in the South-East axis of the Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T Network) and is also the main route between Europe and Asia and part of the East/Middle East Corridor that connects Central Europe with the North, Baltic, Black and Mediterranean Seas.

Second contract in Bulgaria

The renovation of the Volujak-Petarch railway line is Lantania's second project in Bulgaria. Last summer, the infrastructure, water and energy group was granted the contract for the renovation of the Plovdiv-Krumovo and Plovdiv-Skutare railway lines worth 67.7 million euros. The project is being carried out in collaboration with the local company Geostroy and was also granted by NRIC. In this case, the actions in Lantania involve the renovation of 25 km of railway track with the renovation of the Plovdiv, Krumovo, Skutare and Trakia distribution stations as well as the Plovdiv railway crossing.

Both contracts are financed by funds from the *Connecting Europe Facility* (CEF), a European Union facility for pan-European infrastructure investments in initiatives in the fields of transport, energy and digital developments for greater connectivity between Member States (2014-2020).

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