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TMB will provide technical assistance for the new automatic metro in the Paris region

The company, together with the engineering firm SYSTRA, has won a contract to assess and propose solutions for the operation and maintenance of future ring lines around the Paris region

The Société du Grand Paris (SGP) is currently leading the Grand Paris Express project, regarding the construction and commissioning of 200 kilometres of fully automatic metro ring lines in the Paris region. The new lines will connect with existing radial metro lines, bringing the suburbs and city centre closer together and improving mobility.

TMB is now joining the project after having won a contract to provide technical assistance to prepare the operation and maintenance of lines 15, 16, 17 and 18 of the French metro.

First meetings

Representatives of the project at TMB recently attended their first meetings in Paris with SYSTRA and the client from SGP (on 20 and 21 April). They also had the opportunity to visit construction sites of the future metro network: an infrastructure maintenance centre and a station.

SGP is calling on a technical assistance consortium to get support for the maintenance transfer and readiness for the operation of the metro. Specifically, for preparing, transferring, testing and commissioning, so as to guarantee that all work is carried out in accordance with the objectives set by the relevant French authority.

Work will therefore be done on anticipating needs to ensure the smooth running of the operation (operators will be selected by Île-de-France Mobilités, the transport authority in the Île-de-France region). The focus will be on identifying risks and proposing solutions that maintain the overall coherence of the project in terms of operation and maintenance, areas in which TMB is an expert.

The mission of SGP is to transfer the infrastructure and systems to the future operator and maintainer (the latter will be RATP Infrastructures), an aspect on which TMB will also carry out advisory tasks. In reference to this initiative, TMB chair, Laia Bonet, stated that 'TMB's prestige and experience allow us to advise cities as important as Paris on international



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projects, and also generate additional income that we use to improve the financing of public transport and the service we offer to the public'.