

Fundación ONCE becomes Alstom's worldwide strategic advisor in terms of inclusiveness

Presentation at Rail Live! Madrid 2021 of the collaboration project on innovation with the urban and metro platform at global level

December 2nd, 2021 – **Alstom Group** and **Fundación ONCE** have presented at Rail Live! Madrid 2021, their new collaboration project on innovation, through which both entities will work together on the development of innovations for the design and manufacture of the next generation of Alstom metros. The objective of both organisations with this new project is to develop new solutions that increase the accessibility of vehicles and facilitate mobility for passengers with any type of disability.

After having collaborated on several projects in Spain, such as Barcelona Metro for TMB or High-Capacity trains for Renfe, Fundación ONCE now becomes a strategic partner of the Alstom Group worldwide. Fundación Once will collaborate directly with the **Metro and Suburban Platform** at global level, actively participating in different innovation workshops, being part of the advisory committee on inclusion, and evaluating innovations proposed from the different platforms within Alstom.

Paloma Morán, Vice President of Alstom's Metro and Suburban Platform said: "We have a huge responsibility towards the 30 million passengers who travel every day in a metro manufactured by Alstom. We must make their mobility simple, fluid, barrier-free, inclusive, and universal. Thanks to this agreement with Fundación ONCE, we are taking an important step-forward in our commitment to inclusive mobility. We all, at some point in our lives, experience some kind of disability, whether temporary or permanent. Consequently, our solutions must be born from the origin with Universal Design criteria to respond to all passengers".

José Luis Martínez Donoso, CEO of Fundación ONCE, said, "The shared mission we share with Alstom has just begun. We are united by our common commitment and passion: helping more people every day to move around in comfortable, safe, and reliable environments. We are embarking on this new path full of enthusiasm and with the certainty that this partnership will mark a before and after in the way we understand urban transport".

Since 2019, with the signing of the first collaboration agreement, Fundación ONCE and Alstom Spain have worked together on the development of different proposals, to ensure accessibility for people with all kinds of specific needs. Among these projects is the manufacture of **42 new-generation metros for TMB** in Barcelona. Alstom presented 1:1 scale model of the Barcelona metro trains at its stand at Rail Life 2021!

About Alstom Leading societies to a low carbon future, Alstom develops and markets mobility solutions that provide the sustainable foundations for the future of transportation. Alstom's product portfolio ranges from high-speed trains, metros, monorail and trams to integrated systems, customized services, infrastructure, signalling and digital mobility solutions. Alstom has 150,000 vehicles in commercial service worldwide. With Bombardier Transportation joining Alstom on January 29, 2021, the enlarged Group's combined proforma revenue amounts to €14 billion for the 12-month period ended March 31, 2021. Headquartered in France, Alstom is now present in 70 countries and employs more than 70,000 people. www.alstom.com

Fundación ONCE **Fundación ONCE** is an instrument of cooperation and solidarity of ONCE created in 1988 to improve the living conditions of groups with disabilities, through labor inclusion and training programs, as well as the dissemination of the concept of universal accessibility, with the creation of globally accessible environments, products and services.

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