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## DB investing record amount in new rolling stock: more than EUR 19 billion by 2030

More modern rolling stock in passenger and freight transport Customers to benefit from greater capacity and quality

(Berlin, 21 September 2022) Deutsche Bahn has launched the largest ever modernisation programme for its vehicle fleet. The Group is investing more than EUR 19 billion in new locomotives and trains by 2030. DB made the announcement at InnoTrans, the railway trade fair in Berlin.

**Dr Richard Lutz, CEO of Deutsche Bahn AG:** "We are investing now in the trains of the future. With the record sum of more than EUR 19 billion, we are creating the capacity for even higher demand. Modern rolling stock makes rail not only even more climate-friendly, but also more reliable and customer-friendly."

At the trade fair, DB is showing what the regional train of the future could look like. Specially converted double-decker coaches, for instance, will soon be available for the first time for passengers in Bavaria to travel in. Separate office cabins and a spacious family area are examples of how regional transport can be made even more convenient, enabling passengers to make even better use of their time on board. In long-distance transport, additions to DB's ICE fleet include the new ICE L. DB is expecting three new ICE trains to enter service every month in 2023. By 2030 this fleet will have grown to around 450 trains.

The freight train of the future, which DB Cargo is presenting at the trade fair, is even more climate-friendly, even on routes without overhead lines. The freight wagons are modular and extremely versatile, and digital automatic coupling forms the new backbone of the freight train. It not only makes train operations faster, but also adds a new dimension to the rail supply chain with power cables and live data.

Making its very first appearance at the trade fair is DB Cargo's dual-mode locomotive, which can be operated with both green electricity and climate-friendly biofuel. This locomotive can be used on long-distance routes and also for service to customer sidings in local-area or shunting operations. The m<sup>2</sup> freight wagon system developed by DB enables wagons to be adapted more quickly to the needs of customers.

By implementing digitalisation and new technologies DB is solving the future challenge of putting more trains on the rails and at the same time becoming more punctual and reliable. Showcasing its test train, the advanced TrainLab, at InnoTrans, DB is demonstrating how expertise gleaned from 180 years of railway operations is combined with the latest research. The train makes it

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possible to test, for example, windows that are radio-frequency transparent, climate-friendly fuel or sensors for the digitalisation of trains and rails.

**Dr Daniela Gerd tom Markotten, Board Member for Digitalization and Technology, Deutsche Bahn AG:** "The mobility of the future is digital, convenient and climate-friendly. With innovation and modern technology, we can set new standards for greater capacity, quality and flexibility. It's all about convincing more and more people and companies that using an efficient rail system is worth it."

**Dr Sigrid Nikutta, Board Member for Freight Transport, Deutsche Bahn AG:** "We at DB Cargo are proud to present two world premieres. The freight train of the future is on the track and ready to depart! In addition to a completely new dual-mode locomotive, I am delighted with the product we developed ourselves: the new  $m^2$  wagons can be used on a flexible, modular basis to carry various types of freight. These provide a platform of varying lengths, on which different superstructures can be placed for transport. If we link up this train using digital automatic coupling, that is a decisive factor in bringing more goods to climate-friendly rail, which is finite in its capacity."

**Evelyn Palla, Board Member for Regional Transport, Deutsche Bahn AG:** "What began with innovative ideas and a vision will in future be experienced first-hand by our passengers in their everyday lives. Whether it be an office cabin or a family compartment - with our new range of products we provide more comfort, more information and more quality. An IdeasTrain has become a real train of the future! We offer modern mobility to people in cities and rural areas and make it even easier to switch to climate-friendly rail."

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