

The Spanish railway industry is opening its way in Slovenia

- **The Spanish Railway Association (MAFEX) is participating this week in the Slovenia Business Forum, which has been organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this act, the industry of our country will have a very important role, especially in areas of high specialization and technological development such as rail transport.**
- **According to MAFEX, the delegation in Slovenia represents an important opportunity to promote business opportunities in the Spanish railways in a country where, until 2023, large investments are foreseen in the modernization of the national network.**

Madrid, March 2014 -. The Spanish Railway Association (MAFEX) attends this week the Slovenia Business Forum, as an act of approaching this country, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and where the industry of our country will be the main protagonist.

During the two-day meeting, MAFEX will actively be involved to present the current situation of the Spanish railway sector, the companies that compose its powerful industrial base and the technological solutions and products that have been developed by these companies in recent years and that have already been implemented in many countries.

The meetings of MAFEX representatives with senior charges of the Transport and Business sector of Slovenia will allow to learn more about the many projects that are planned in the country and present the competitive advantages of Spanish companies to perform successfully the development and modernization of railway networks in the country, thanks to its consolidated experience and the wide range of technology solutions available in all areas and sub-sectors (civil works, equipment, signalling, rolling stock , etc..)

Slovenia promotes a strategic railway development

Slovenia has launched the Strategic Railway Development Program, which runs until 2023. It is a large plan which aims to modernize existing infrastructure corridors V and X of the Trans European Railway Network. These two initiatives are hogging most of the investment, which will be allocated to the Ljubljana - Divača line (part of the European Corridor V covering the route Lyon-Trieste-Divača/Koper-Divača-Ljubljana-Budapest) to the Italian border.

In addition to continuing the electrification and doubling of track works, Slovenia plans to increase freight capacity across the rail network and the modernization of the signalling equipment, among others.

Also, the country wants to undertake additional projects including the reconstruction of the Pragesko-Hodos (border with Hungary) pathway or the modernization of existing level crossings in the network.

**About MAFEX*

The objective of the Spanish Railway Association (MAFEX) is to carry out promotional activities in other countries, as well as to defend their general interests.

Created in 2004, it currently has 72 members representing more than 85% of Spanish rail industry's exports, according to official figures in 2012. Known as the official collaborating organization of the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness through its Subsecretariat of Trade, the Association is supported by GRUPO AGEX, to which it belongs, and by different national and international organizations and institutions.

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