



PRESS RELEASE

Akiem Highlights Its Local Presence in Poland at the TRAKO international rail exhibition

Saint-Ouen (France), September 23, 2025 – Akiem, the European leader in locomotive and passenger train leasing, will participate in the TRAKO international rail exhibition in Gdańsk, Poland, from September 23 to 26, 2025. At this event, Akiem will present its vision of the Polish market and its local commitment, illustrated by the showcase of the Dragon-2 locomotive, designed and manufactured by the Polish manufacturer Newag.

A Strong and Strategic Local Footprint

Present in Central Europe for over 12 years, Akiem opened its office in Poland in 2019. Today, a team of sales representatives, ECM3 planners, and project engineers, comprising more than 30 employees based in Warsaw and Poznań, supports customers in Polish, Czech, and Slovak. This linguistic and operational proximity is a pillar of Akiem's strategy: *"Serving our customers in their local language and understanding the specific needs of each market is our added value. In Poland, this means offering powerful, reliable locomotives adapted to the national infrastructure, while ensuring local service,"* adds Anna Puchalowicz, Regional Director for Central Europe.

TRAKO: An Unmissable Event

As in the past, Akiem will be present at TRAKO, a key event in the Polish railway world. This year, the group aims to highlight, through its local subsidiary, its technical expertise, investment capacity, and commitment to sustainable rail transport. *"The Polish rail market is distinguished by its fragmentation and dynamism,"* says Anna Puchalowicz. *"We respond to this with a flexible offering, adapted to complex calls for tenders and the varied needs of operators. The growing demand for modern, reliable, and environmentally friendly locomotives confirms the relevance of our investments."* »

A fleet of single- and multi-system locomotives, meeting the needs of Polish operators

Akiem offers Polish freight operators a wide range of BoBo locomotives, in DC and MS versions, such as the Traxx, Vectron, and Eurosprinter, capable of meeting specific transport and traction needs. Demand is also shifting towards more modern, reliable, safe, and environmentally friendly rolling stock, which the recent acquisition of Dragon-2 platforms from Polish manufacturer Newag meets, fully in line with Akiem's strategic commitment to promoting a European rail market and fostering modal shift.

The Dragon-2: A locomotive designed for heavy freight and interoperability

In November 2023, Akiem ordered 30 Dragon-2 locomotives—with an option for 50 additional units—including 10 multi-system locomotives approved for operation in Poland, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia, and 20 DC locomotives equipped with "last mile" modules, intended for operation in Poland and for cross-border access to stations in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.



"The Dragon-2 platform represents the latest generation of freight locomotives, renowned for its tractive power and reliability; it holds the tractive effort record on the Velim circuit", comments Anna Puchalowicz. "Designed to ensure sustainable transport with energy efficiency, it meets the requirements of the technical specifications for interoperability and is capable with its 6 axles of hauling freight trains of up to 4,200 tonnes (while it is 3,200t for 4-axle locomotives). Its versatility, including its multi-system capabilities and its last-mile module that meets Stage V emission standards and is equipped with HVO-compatible engines, guarantees seamless operations on different railway networks, allowing us to offer operators greater carrying capacity and greater efficiency: they will be able to develop new rail freight services, with heavier trains running at higher speeds, including for access to mining and industrial sites located in the Silesian Mountains and with the highest standards of reliability and safety. And the 0.5 MW HVO-compatible last-mile modules will accelerate the transition from diesel to greener electric traction when operating on non-electrified industrial sites." »

A special livery, a marker of the Dragon-2's Polish footprint and power

Displayed at Track B09, the Dragon-2 LM version sports a special livery illustrating a journey through Poland, with stylized representations of some of the country's iconic monuments. In the center, the slogan "Moc która napędza przyszłość Polskiej kolei" ("The power that drives the future of Polish railways"), set against the Polish flag, conveys a powerful message of the locomotive's power and Akiem's local footprint.



The locomotive is available for visits by making an appointment with the Akiem team, located at booth C58.

About Akiem

Akiem is one of the leading European providers of services to rail operators, manufacturers, and local authorities. The company offers a fleet of over 750 locomotives and 42 passenger vehicles, as well as solutions covering the entire rolling stock value chain. Akiem has more than 100 customers and operates in 22 European countries. The majority of its 400 employees are based in France, Germany, Poland, Sweden, Italy, Hungary, and the United Kingdom.

Akiem has a complete industrial ecosystem, certified ECM (Entity in Charge of Maintenance), which relies on a pan-European network of workshops and significant inventories of spare parts for the maintenance of the rolling stock supplied to its customers.

Akiem is owned by La Caisse (formerly CDPQ, Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec), a global investment group strongly committed to the development of low-carbon infrastructure.

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