



The 15th International Railway Fair has come to a close!

With **617 exhibitors from 30 countries and more than 30,000m² of exhibition space**, the record-breaking **TRAKO International Railway Fair has come to a close** in Gdańsk! It broke records in terms of the number of both the exhibitors and visitors attending the trade exhibition. TRAKO is the most important industry event as Poland's largest railway fair and the second most important one in Europe. It takes place in Gdańsk every two years. Multiple meetings, debates, presentations of new products and Education & Career Day—this is how the four TRAKO days can be described in a nutshell.

Trade visitors at TRAKO

During its 4 days, TRAKO had a total of 23,214 visitors from 54 countries (Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, USA, Uzbekistan):

- 14,200 trade visitors from 54 countries (including VIP guests, special guests and the media),
- 1,800 Education & Career Day participants,
- 1,154 general public visitors (taking the opportunity to visit the outdoor exhibits, only on 22 September)
- 6,060 exhibitors (who were trade visitors at the same time), with the greatest number of 4,147 entries recorded on TRAKO Day 2, 20 September.

Record-breaking number of Exhibitors

TRAKO had a record-breaking number of 617 exhibitors from 30 countries: Poland, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

The **outdoor exhibition** was also very interesting, with as many as **51 exhibitors** showing new vehicles and equipment. New launches took place here, with exciting rolling stock exhibits, including Poland's first presentation of the Mireo regional train. A hydrogen locomotive from Pesa was on display, performing short-distance transport services within the TRAKO grounds. Also new at the Fair was the 4-axle Newag Griffin locomotive, approved for operation in Poland and the Czech Republic, capable of speeds of up to 200 km/h.

TRAKO exhibits included trams as well. Tram track infrastructure was presented by companies including Tracktec and KZN Biezanów. Gdańsk Buses and Trams (GAiT) celebrated their 150th anniversary this year and had a presentation at TRAKO. They showcased 3 exhibits: a historic horse-drawn tram, a historic electric tram and the Pesa Jazz tram, the newest acquisition. The Gamma tram from Modertrans Poznań and the Tango tram from Stadler were also available for viewing.

Exhibition area

This year's 30,000m² of exhibition space included 6 halls, outdoor areas and exhibition tracks as a venue to present the latest technological advancements. It included a presentation of the national pavilions of Austria, the Czech Republic, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. TRAKO also hosted three German states: Saxony; Baden/Württemberg and Berlin/Brandenburg. Germany, the Czech Republic and the UK were the most represented at TRAKO.

The Programme

The visitors appreciated the content-rich programme of more than 100 side events to go with the exhibition, attended by Poland's and Europe's best industry experts and held at the AMBEREXPO Conference Centre. TRAKO is a venue for hundreds of business talks, expert debates, thematic areas and outdoor exhibitions presenting the industry's latest technologies. The fourth edition of **rail transport Education & Career Day** was very popular with young people. On Career Day, the TRAKO Exhibitors presented the most inspiring job, internship and traineeship opportunities.

New: Start-up Innovation Showroom

The Start-up Innovation Showroom was held for the first time to enable finding out about cutting-edge research projects and technologies of the future.

Universities and research institutes presented their scientific achievements during the event. The Start-up Showroom presented KYOSAN, a Japanese model of rail transport deployments; GymWay; KOKO-Project, a remote baggage alarm designed by a research team from the Gdańsk University of Technology and the Academy of Art in Szczecin; PUTcab I, a rail simulator prepared by a research team from the Poznań University of Technology; PUTRAIN, a locomotive created by a research team from the Poznań University of Technology; and many other innovative solutions.

NEW! Crystal Rail Draisine Team Race

For the first time, TRAKO featured an attraction dedicated to the exhibitors: the CRYSTAL RAIL DRAISINE TEAM RACE. During this race, the exhibitors had an opportunity to demonstrate teamwork skills and the spirit of sporting endeavour. Over three days, 188 participants from 47 teams took part in the competition. The best result was achieved by the Prodes Passion for Rail company team, with a time of 3:18:15, while Polregio S.A. Zakład Łódzki and Warszawska Kolej Dojazdowa also took their place on the podium. The participation of management board members and mixed company were especially appreciated, and the races were very popular.

TRAKO is organised by the MTG SA Gdańsk International Fair Co. and the PKP Group at the AMBEREXPO Exhibition & Convention Centre, 19–22 September 2023. TRAKO Partners: Medcom, Pojazdy Szynowe PESA Bydgoszcz SA and TRACK TEC. Bank Pekao SA is the financial partner of TRAKO 2023, Budimex is the infrastructure partner and Ergo Hestia is the insurance partner.

TRAKO enjoys the honorary auspices of:

- Poland's Minister of State Assets, Jacek Sasin,
- Poland's Minister of Infrastructure, Andrzej Adamczyk,

- President of the UTK Polish Office of Rail Transport, Ignacy Góra,
- President of the SEP Association of Polish Electrical Engineers, Sławomir Cieślik.

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