



Ghella, in JV with Webuild and Pizzarotti, to build lot 1a Battipaglia-Romagnano of Salerno-Reggio Calabria High-Speed Rail and Lot 3 Lercara-Caltanissetta Xirbi of Palermo-Catania High-Capacity Rail

Rome, May 12, 2023 - **Ghella** and its consortium partners Webuild and Impresa Pizzarotti have **won two contracts** for a combined value of more than €3.7 billion for the **further development of sustainable mobility in southern Italy**. The JV (Ghella 20%, Webuild 60%, Pizzarotti 20%) has won a contract to build a section of a **new high-speed railway along the Salerno-Reggio Calabria axis: Lot 1A between Battipaglia and Romagnano**. The second contract is for the construction of **Lot 3 between Lercara and Caltanissetta Xirbi** for the railway **between Palermo and Catania**.

Both contracts are commissioned by **Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (RFI)** of the **FS Italiane Group** and financed by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR).

Lot 1A of the Salerno-Reggio Calabria axis involves the **design and construction of 35 kilometres of rail**, along which trains will travel at speeds of up to 300 kilometres per hour. It includes the construction of approximately **14 kilometres of tunnels to be excavated also by tunnel-boring machine (TBM)**, more than **six kilometres of viaducts and nearly five kilometres of artificial tunnels**. There will also be a juncture built at Romagnano to connect the new line with the existing one that runs from Battipaglia to Metaponto and Potenza.

Lot 3 Lercara-Caltanissetta Xirbi in Sicily concerns the development of **47 kilometres of new rail**, as well as the construction of more than **22 kilometres of tunnels including interconnections, excavated also by tunnel-boring machine**.

There will also be **11 kilometres of viaducts, 32 kilometres of roadwork** and the **renovation of the Vallelunga station**.

In April Ghella has also been awarded the **Caltanissetta Xirbi-Nuova Enna** lot between Palermo and Catania.

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