

## CDG Express: a big new win for Egis!

**Egis has just been awarded the PMC contract for the CDG Express rail project, which will link Charles-de-Gaulle Airport with downtown Paris. Egis will partner the future project owner who will be responsible for awarding concessions for the project through 2024.**

### CDG Express: an attractive and strategic project

With 66 million passengers in 2015 and over 80 million a year forecast by 2025, Paris-Charles-de-Gaulle (CDG) is Europe's second busiest airport. Once it has been completed in 2023, the CDG Express rail link will take passengers from the airport into Gare de l'Est in the heart of downtown Paris in just 20 minutes, for a total investment of €1.4 billion. It will provide Paris with a first-class city-airport link, on a par with those enjoyed by other European and international capitals.

CDG Express is both an attractive and a strategic project for France's capital city, in line with the sustainable development challenges of enhancing airport access by harnessing clean transport solutions. By providing both tourists and business people with state-of-the-art transport, the project will showcase the Paris-Charles-de-Gaulle airport hub and boost the competitiveness of Paris and the surrounding region. It will also be a big plus for Paris' bid to host the 2024 Olympic Games.

### A highly technical and complex project

Financing, construction and maintenance agreements for CDG Express are already in place and the entire project is of a rare technical complexity that will require technical interaction between the airport authorities, the French national rail network operator, local government in densely-populated urban areas and Gare de l'Est rail terminal right in the heart of the city.

The new 32 km-long line – including 8 km of new track – will link Gare de l'Est to Terminal 2 of Charles-de-Gaulle Airport.

The necessary interaction between CDG Express and the existing RER B rail link poses major potential constraints. In-depth knowledge of the systems and technologies used by French rail operator SNCF will be required in order to get around these obstacles, together with strict security for passageways and all site locations. Because the project will be located in densely-populated areas with an extensive existing transport network, work will have to take place at night to minimise the impact on network traffic.

Engineering work should begin in 2018 and services are due to start in 2023, i.e., work will be spread over a five-year period due to the major constraints involved.

### Technical assistance "made in Egis"

Egis will provide technical assistance services to the project owner throughout the operations. This work will include:

- reviewing the pre-project design phase;
- assistance with preparing and negotiating concession, design-build, and operation-maintenance agreements;
- help with raising bank financing;

- reviewing the project design phase and providing assistance throughout the works phase; and
- assistance in deploying infrastructure operating systems.

Along with the various contracts already secured as part of the Grand Paris building project, this strategically and technically ambitious project will boost Egis' profile in the Greater Paris region. It is a testimony to the trust and confidence that stakeholders in the rail sector place in Egis' vast technical expertise and unrivalled professionalism.

## About Egis

**€1 billion turnover in 2016**  
**13,800 employees**



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