



## Politecnico di Torino and Wabtec Corp. Announce a Strategic Partnership to Promote Research, Innovation, and Training in Rail Transportation

Politecnico di Torino (Polytechnic University) and Wabtec Corporation signed an agreement to develop a strategic collaboration to define and implement shared research, innovation, and education projects. This synergistic partnership represents an important step forward in promoting academic excellence and technological innovation in rail transportation.

Accredited as one of the best technical universities in Europe, Politecnico di Torino trains professionals in the fields of Engineering, Architecture, Design, and Spatial Planning. Wabtec Corporation has been a leading global supplier of technologies, equipment, systems, digital solutions, and value-added services to the freight and passenger rail industries and the mining, marine, and industrial markets for more than 150 years. The company also is a world leader in decarbonizing and creating sustainable solutions for rail transportation.

Under this three-year agreement, the university and company will join forces to advance innovation, digital transformation, and the creation of cutting-edge solutions. The collaboration will include participation in international and European projects, as well as advanced training and education by providing students with unique opportunities for hands-on learning and technical skills acquisition. Additionally, the partnership will provide students access to intern internship programs, workshops, seminars, and other training initiatives which will enrich their professional and personal development.

This partnership will enable the identification and implementation of shared research projects, in which faculty, researchers, and professionals will work closely together to address complex challenges and develop innovative solutions. Combining academic expertise and industrial knowledge is expected to generate significant discoveries and maximize the real-world impact of research, with a special focus on creating solutions for increasingly sustainable mobility.

Both institutions are excited about the potential of this collaboration, which will allow them to join forces and exploit significant synergies. The partnership between the Polytechnic and Wabtec will help foster innovation, train a new generation of highly skilled professionals, and stimulate economic and social development.

Chancellor Guido Saracco said, "The rail transportation sector is historically strategic in many areas of Piedmont, so the synergy with Wabtec will be crucial and will enable our students to easily respond to the demands of the job market and to fit into even international contexts with excellent opportunities for growth."

"Wabtec is excited to participate in creating real opportunities for young engineers to grow in the rail sector. We want to convey all our focus on environmental sustainability and provide our experience to shape the future of the rail industry," said Paolo Pagliero, Group Vice President, Engineering Wabtec Transit. "The geographical proximity between Wabtec Italia and the Polytechnic is an incredible opportunity to be exploited to create and grow a collaboration between two entities that are so important for the area and the future of the new generations."

## About Politecnico di Torino

Politecnico di Torino (www.polito.it) was founded in 1906 and has its roots in the Technical School for Engineers created in 1859.

It is internationally ranked among the most important universities in Europe for engineering and architecture studies, with more than 38,000 students (out of which 19% are international students coming from 120 different countries).

Politecnico is a center of excellence for education and research in engineering, architecture, design, and planning and it works in close cooperation with the socio-economic system. It is a comprehensive Research University where education and research complement each other and create synergies in order to address the needs of the economic system, of the local community, and, above all, of its students.

Politecnico is committed to a strong internationalization process of its teaching, research, and technology transfer activities: not only does it work in cooperation with the best universities and research centers in the world, but it has also been signing agreements and contracts with important international corporations, as well as local businesses, meaning to be for the latter a focal point for innovation.

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