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Briefing on rail procurement and infrastructure projects planned in Romania.

Romania is a party to both the Cape Town Convention and the Aircraft Protocol.

Alstom's Major Presence

- Alstom, in cooperation with the Romanian firm Arcada and the Romanian state rail infrastructure operator CFR SA, was recently awarded two modernisation contracts for two sections of the Cluj Napoca-Oradea line.
- Alstom has a large and leading presence in the country. The company is responsible for implementing signalling or electrification solutions on more than 75% of the Northern branch of the Rhine-Danube railway corridor. They are also working on signalling solutions for the Bucharest metro, for which they have also been providing maintenance services for 18 years (and will be until 2036, as per long-term contractual arrangements).

Connectivity with Ukraine

- Romania is also the centre of ongoing connectivity projects with Ukraine.
- The line connecting Constanta on the Black Sea with Kyiv has been in disrepair for 17 years. A large section was renovated and reopened last month.
- This ongoing project has two major benefits: It firstly allows for cross-border freight to move to and from the Black Sea port of Constanta. Secondly, it provides passengers access to the relatively large airport in Cluj-Napoca.

EU Financial Assistance

- Romania's railways have also benefited from significant EU funds. Almost EUR 2 billion from the National Recovery and Resilience Facility (NRRF) have been allocated for the modernisation of Caransebeş - Timișoara - Arad railway line.
- This line forms part of the TEN-T Core network (specifically its Orient/East-Med Corridor).

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- This public investment package forms part of a broader railway renovated plan that will conclude in 2030.

Further investment near Hungary

- Modernisation is also planned for rail lines in the border region close to Hungary.
- Italian construction company Webuild and its consortium partners Pizzarotti and Salcef were awarded a nearly EUR 500 million project by CFR SA to modernise a section of the line connecting Cluj-Napoca and Episcopia Bihor.
- This project will also partially benefit from NRRF funds.
- Webuild is currently involved in the construction of more than 120km of metro and railway lines in Romania.

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