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## AFRY supports modernization of Austria's Franz-Josefs-Bahn

**AFRY has been commissioned by ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG to provide services for the modernization of the Franz-Josefs-Bahn in Austria. The project forms part of a broader investment program to upgrade rail infrastructure between Vienna and Gmünd, aiming to improve capacity, reliability, and overall service quality.**

The Franz-Josefs-Bahn is an important regional rail corridor connecting Vienna with northern Austria and the Czech border. The line is currently undergoing a long-term program to modernize and strengthen its role in modern, efficient transport.

The program includes upgrades to tracks, overhead line systems, and supporting infrastructure, as well as targeted improvements to stations and rail assets. These measures are designed to enhance operational reliability, increase capacity, and improve the experience for both passenger and freight transport.

“This is an important step in strengthening rail infrastructure and improving service quality for passengers and freight customers. We are pleased to collaborate with AFRY, whose expertise supports the efficient implementation of this project,” said Friedrich Dallhammer, Project manager construction technology, ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG.

Within the project, AFRY is responsible for site supervision and construction oversight. In this role, AFRY manages quality assurance, contract and time management, as well as project management and billing, ensuring efficient and high-quality delivery of infrastructure upgrades along key sections of the line.

“Projects like this are central to advancing sustainable mobility. We are proud to support ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG with our expertise in project supervision and delivery, contributing to a more reliable and future-proof rail system,” said Ernst Zeller, Head of Segment Hydro, AFRY.

AFRY is carrying out the assignment on behalf of ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG, with the project running until 31 December 2028.

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