



# Press Release

## Finland becomes Eress 5<sup>th</sup>. partner

2013-01-10 Eress organisation announces that Finland, the Finnish Transport Agency, officially becomes Eress 5<sup>th</sup>. partner.

Getting Finland on board is a milestone for the partnership, says Terje Stømer, Chairman of Eress Board of Directors. Other European countries, like Austria and the Netherlands and Railway Undertakings, like SNCF and Virgin Trains are also testing our Erex solution. In total, more than 3000 traction units across Europe are using Erex system.

The Eress organisation got an Award from the International Union of Railways (UIC) for the development of Erex system earlier this year. We are very proud of this international recognition and the fact that new partners, like Finland, are joining Eress, adds Stømer.

Erex is basically a system that allows managing and billing real consumed energy. Infrastructure managers get allocated and sorted consumed energy data from Erex. With this, they can send an accurate bill to each of the train operators moving on their tracks. For train operators, Erex means paying only for real consumption. They also use Erex information to learn on energy consumption patterns and how consumption can be reduced. With Erex, train operators can reduce up to 30% on energy costs, concludes Dyre Martin Gulbrandsen, Eress Director.

Eress is a partnership between Banedanmark (Rail Net Denmark), Infrabel (Belgian Railway Infrastructure Manager), Jernbaneverket (Norwegian National Rail Administration), Trafikverket (Swedish Transport Administration) and Liikennevirasto (Finnish Transport Agency). Eress is a non-profit organization, jointly owned by its partners, committed to the development, implementation and supply of the Erex energy settlement solution

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