

FGC will connect Pl. Espanya and Europa | Fira in a six minutes ride during the MWC

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Ferrocarrils de la Generalitat de Catalunya will be once more the reference transport during the new edition of the Mobile World Congress (Barcelona, February 25th-28th). They will connect the exhibition venues Plaça Espanya and Fira Gran Via, located at L'Hospitalet de Llobregat.



The Baix Llobregat Metro, which connects the two central points of the congress in only six minutes ride and covers three stops, will become during those days a fast line, i.e., the most direct way to get to Barcelona downtown. Taking into account that all the trains that depart from Pl. Espanya stop at Europa | Fira station, the main points of the operational reinforcement plan designed by FGC will be the following:

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- Increase the train frequency at line L8 (Molí Nou Ciutat Cooperativa) up to 30 trains per day.
- Double the capacity of the train convoys, getting from three to six-coach trains.
- Redesign the mobility at the lobbies of Pl. Espanya and Europa | Fira stations to cope with the congress demand.
- Reinforce the customer service with more staff, signaling, specific public address systems and social networks.

All these arrangements are focused to offer both the best service and to enhance the mobility of the congress attendees, as well as of the regular customers of the line Llobregat-Anoia, just keeping the maximum capacity of trains with 8.000 persons/hour. Considering the attendance expectations by Fira Barcelona and GSMA, this operational reinforcement will render service for the maximum number of customers with full guarantees of frequency and flow, security and comfort.

Additionally, FGC has set different contingency plans at the stations in coordination with Mossos d'Esquadra (Catalan Police), GSM and Fira Barcelona. Such plans consider a variety of scenarios and required actions to cope with the different mobility and security incidences that may arise. The implementation of the contingency plans will be covered by joint teams of FGC staff (who will manage the actions) and of GSMA staff (who will assist the congress attendees).

As in previous MWC editions, a huge number of congress attendees are expected to choose FGC to cover Pl. Espanya - Europa | Fira round trip. In 2018, the congress increased 116% the number of passengers between both stations, thus moving 179.390 passengers during the four days of the congress.

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