

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD REPORT ON METRO AUTOMATION 2018

UITP UNVEILS NEW STATISTICS BRIEF

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Metro milestones are being achieved all over the world...

After the groundbreaking success of our 2017 World Metro Statistics Brief, UITP is the trusted voice for bringing the latest statistics to a worldwide audience.

The [World Report on Metro Automation for 2018](#) introduces the **current standing of automated metros** across the globe – and **expectations for the years to come**.

Last year witnessed [the milestone achievement of 1000km of automated metros](#) reached as the **Pujiang Line opened for use in Shanghai**.

As of December 2018, nearly a quarter of the world's metro systems have at least one fully automated line in operation.

What are the stand out statistics from our latest World Metro Brief?

There are now **64** fully automated metro lines in **42 cities**, operating **1026km**

There is a **27.7% increase** in km from the 2016 World Report figures

South Korea, France, Singapore and **Malaysia** host half of the world's km of fully automated metro lines

Together with the **United Arab Emirates**, they also **lead in growth** for the last decade

What does the future look like?

In a major sector advancement, **the next years to come will overshadow this achievement**: if confirmed projects advance to plan, **by 2022** the number of automated metro km in the world is **set to triple**: **most of this growth will take place in China**.

"The exponential growth projections are clear – metro automation is the preferred solution for new lines in an ever increasing number of networks. With its many advantages, full automation will enable metros to spearhead the digital transformation of our sector, and consolidate their position as the backbone of urban mobility."

Ramón Malla
Director of Strategic Projects
TMB Barcelona
Chairman, Observatory of Automated Metros
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The latest UITP Statistics Brief on metro offers an overview of the world metro automation landscape today, and its expected future evolution.

Detailing infrastructure, growth, signaling technology, characteristics and trends, and more, you can find statistics on cities, countries and lines.

The data in this Statistics Brief is sourced from the database of automated metro lines of the UITP Observatory of Automated Metros. The Observatory gathers the world's leading operators with experience in full automated metro operation.

The rail sector will play a major role in the Conference and Exhibition of the next [UITP Global Public Transport Summit \(Stockholm, 9-12 June 2019\)](#)

Check out our Poster Session '[Counting Chickens while they travel: urban mobility data and statistics](#)' where we will present these figures and field any questions! Furthermore, don't miss our Congress session '[Going beyond the limits of metro automation through digitalisation](#)' chaired by our own Observatory of Automated Metros Chairman.

Have the opportunity to speak with the industry voices behind the latest UITP World Metro Statistics Brief by joining us for the biggest event of its kind in public transport and urban mobility...

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