

## **Alstom and Mälardalen University renew strategic partnership to drive the next phase of sustainable rail innovation**

- To meet the rapidly evolving demands of today's industrial landscape, close collaboration between academia and industry helps accelerate progress and build capabilities.
- Over a ten-year relationship, Alstom in Sweden and Mälardalen University (MDU) have realised the power of such collaboration.
- Alstom and MDU renewed their strategic partnership on 3 February, committed to advancing sustainability through collaborative research and education.

**23 February 2026** – Alstom, global leader in smart and sustainable mobility, and Mälardalen University (MDU) are committed together to further accelerating the shift towards sustainability through collaborative research and education. Building on clear achievements over ten years, their strategic partnership was renewed in a signing ceremony on 3 February.

One of the major benefits for students of the partnership has been the early contact with the industry, particularly through the global research and innovation centres established as part of Alstom's Swedish operations. Other advantages include new insights generated from research applied in industrial environments and a strong focus on lifelong learning for professionals. Combined, these three dimensions accelerate the green transition and support a fast-moving organisation.

“To ensure the continued competitiveness of the Swedish industry, we must sustain strong core capabilities while also creating conditions to work in an agile way and build competencies in such areas as AI, cybersecurity or circular design. The strategic partnership with MDU contributes in helping us move fast. With a continuous flow of new talent, a growing portfolio of joint research projects, and employees participating in lifelong learning programs, this collaboration delivers clear strengths”, says Maria Signal Martebo, Managing Director of Alstom in Sweden.

MDU is Sweden's newest university and hosts 19,000 students in the rapidly growing Mälardalen region. By teaming up with global players such as Alstom, the university can anchor its students in current and coming industry challenges, innovations and mobility needs.

Martin Hellström, Vice-Chancellor of MDU, sees clear advantages with the partnership:

“The collaboration between Alstom and Mälardalen University is a clear example of how academia and industry strengthen one another. By working closely with a world-leading company in railway technology, the university's students and researchers gain access to concrete applications in areas such as embedded systems, software development, and production engineering. This provides unique opportunities to develop relevant competencies, ensure that our programs remain aligned with industry needs, and translate research into practice. Together, we are building a dynamic ecosystem of knowledge that lays the foundation for achieving a sustainable transition.”

The parties share a vision of an ecosystem for lifelong learning where education and research are developed in close collaboration and with commitment to advancing sustainability. The renewed agreement includes plans to further strengthen industry–education pathways over the coming years, linking students to the industries in the region while exploring how new research can be applied.

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