Whole-life efficiency drives traction development
Beograd Centar inaugurated

Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić inaugurated the first phase of Beograd’s future main station on January 26. Eight of the 10 tracks and five of the six platforms at Beograd Centar (also known as Prokop) are now being used by two daily return services to Novi Sad and 105 suburban trains per day.

Construction was undertaken by Energojekt, ZGOP and AŽD, which began work in December 2014 under a €25.8m contract financed by a Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development loan signed in December 2012.

The station building and access roads are to be built under the next phase which is scheduled for completion in 2018. It is envisaged that the current main station located closer to the city centre will then close. Transferring inter-city trains from the old terminus to the new though station would shorten their route and release 32 ha of land for redevelopment.

The construction of a new main station in Beograd had been proposed for more than 80 years. Construction began in December 1976, but was abandoned in late 1978 on the grounds of cost. From the mid-1990s the station was in limited use for suburban services.