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The [commuter rail](#) systems of Spain's major metropolitan areas are called **Cercanías** (Spanish: [θeɾka'ni.as]) in most of Spain, **Rodalia** (Valencian: [roða'li.a]) in the [Valencian Community](#), **Aldiriak** (Basque: [aldiriak]) in the [Basque Country](#) and **Rodalies** (Catalan: [ruðə'li.əs]) in [Catalonia](#). There are twelve Cercanías systems in and around the cities and regions of [Asturias](#), [Bilbao](#), [Cádiz](#), [Catalonia](#), [Madrid](#), [Málaga](#), [Murcia/Alicante](#), [Cantabria](#), [San Sebastián](#), [Seville](#), [Valencia](#) and [Zaragoza](#). They are linked to Metro systems in Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao and Valencia.

The Cercanías division of Renfe was created in 1989 on the advice of engineer and transit planner [Javier Bustinduy](#) (es; 1949–2016), as part of a major effort to massively increase ridership, frequencies and hence attractiveness of commuter rail systems in Spain. Cercanías systems are gradually in the process of being transferred to the regional [autonomous governments](#); the first such system to be transferred was the management of the former Cercanías Barcelona/Rodalia Barcelona to the [Government of Catalonia](#) and renaming to "Rodalies de Catalunya" in 2010. The second, and last so far, was the transfer of both Basque systems, [Bilbao](#) and [San Sebastián](#) (and the right to declare a third in [Álava](#)) to the [Basque Government](#) in 2025. The Madrid Cercanías network was the target of the [2004 Madrid train bombings](#). The attacks, which killed 191 people in Santa Eugenia, El Pozo and [Atocha](#) stations, were the bloodiest terrorist actions in Spain to date.

Cercanías

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Overview

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| Owner | Renfe Operadora & Regional Rail Operators (FGC) |
| Transit type | Commuter rail |
| | Operation |
| Began operation | 1989 (creation of Renfe Cercanías division) |

List of Cercanías / Rodalies / Rodalia / Aldiriak systems [\[edit\]](#)

| System Name | Major Cities Served | Annual patronage (2017) ^[1] | Lines | Stations | Length (km) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------|----------|-------------|
| Cercanías Madrid | Madrid | 227,800,000 | 10 | 90 | 370 |
| Rodalies de Catalunya | Barcelona, Girona, Camp de Tarragona | 117,000,000 | 19 | 228 | 615 |



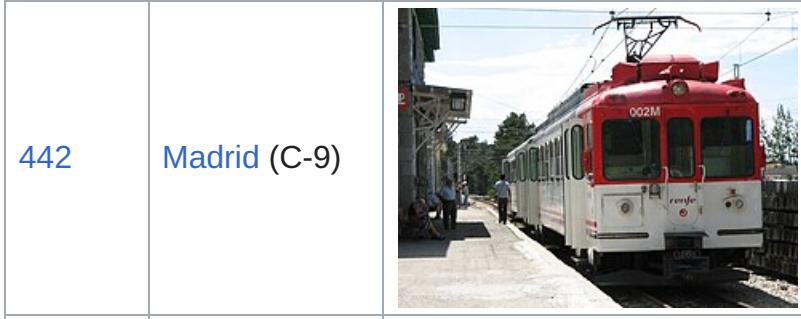
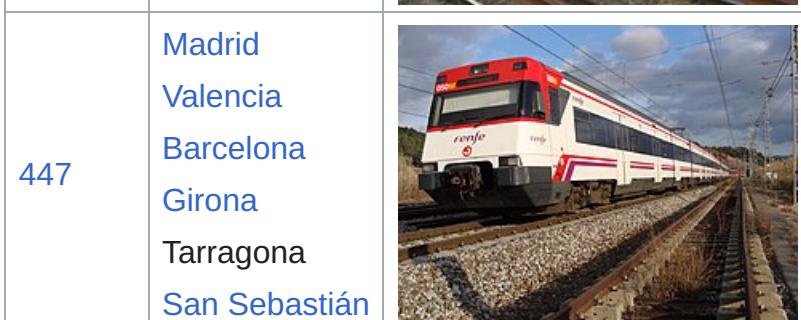
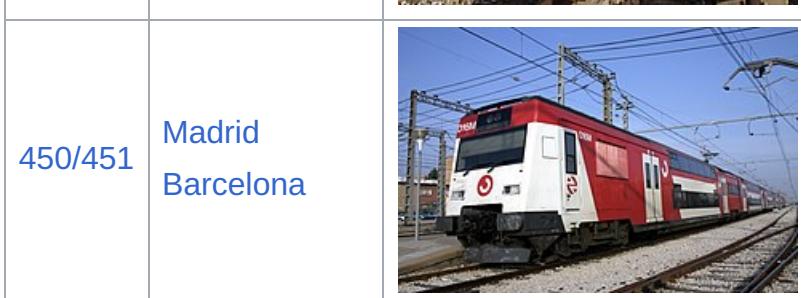
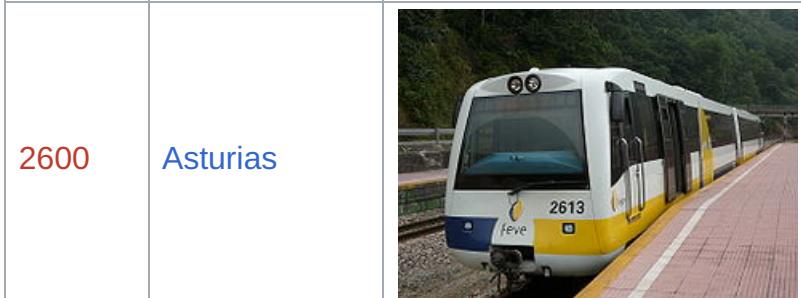
Map of Spain with all of the current Cercanías systems. The [Rodalies de Catalunya](#) system is also shown.

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| Cercanías Valencia | Valencia | 15,860,000 | 6 | 66 | 252 |
| Cercanías Málaga | Málaga | 11,338,341 ^[2] | 2 | 26 | 70 |
| Cercanías Bilbao | Bilbao | 10,180,000 | 4 | 63 | 100.5 |
| Cercanías Sevilla | Seville | 7,480,000 | 5 | 37 | 251 |
| Cercanías San Sebastián | San Sebastián | 6,150,000 | 1 | 30 | 80.5 |
| Cercanías Asturias | Gijón, Oviedo, Avilés | 5,140,000 | 9 | 143 | 383.2 |
| Cercanías Murcia/Alicante | Murcia, Alicante | 3,730,000 | 4 | 41 | 222 |
| Cercanías Cádiz | Cádiz, Jerez de la Frontera | 2,800,000 | 2 | 13 | 61 |
| Cercanías Cantabria | Santander | 670,000 | 3 | 62 | 178 |
| Cercanías Zaragoza | Zaragoza | 290,000 | 1 | 6 | 16.6 |

Rolling stock [edit]

The Cercanías services use the following rolling stock. In 2021, Renfe announced the purchase of 59 Stadler KISS trainsets to complement the fleet.^[3]

| Series | Area | Image |
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| 442 | Madrid (C-9) |  |
| 446 | Bilbao Madrid Cantabria Sevilla |  |
| 447 | Madrid Valencia Barcelona Girona Tarragona San Sebastián |  |
| 450/451 | Madrid Barcelona |  |
| 2600 | Asturias |  |
| 3300 | Asturias |  |
| 3500 | Asturias |  |

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|-------|--|--|
| 3600 | Bilbao Asturias |  |
| 3800 | Cantabria |  |
| Civia | Asturias Cádiz Madrid Barcelona Girona Málaga Sevilla Valencia Zaragoza Cantabria |  |

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- RENFE Cercanías website
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