



The **commuter rail** systems of **Spain's** major metropolitan areas are called **Cercanías** (Spanish: [θerka'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. <i>Cercanías</i> 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/Rodalía 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 <i>Cercanías</i> 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.	Transit type	Commuter rail
	Began operation	1989 (creation of Renfe Cercanías division)

[illegible]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.

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	

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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