

## Van Gansewinkel starts providing waste management for the Dutch Railways

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**Van Gansewinkel starts providing waste management for the Dutch Railways in the Randstad Noord region. With a large-scale awareness campaign the waste management company wants to reduce the percentage of residual waste from 90% to 37% within three years' time across all of the NS divisions; NS Stations, NedTrain and NS Retail. In practical terms this represents a saving of almost 3 million kilos of commercial waste each year, of which around 2.5 million kilos will be given a second life as raw materials for new products.**



The Dutch Railways owns about 90 sites in Randstad Noord, divided in 80 NS Stations and 10 NedTrain maintenance sites including the major train stations of Amsterdam Centraal, Utrecht Centraal and Station Haarlem. Van Gansewinkel will provide waste management services for the NS Stations on the platforms and on the station concourses, at NedTrain's maintenance and service sites and for the commercial sector in NS Retail's shops and restaurants. "With this agreement we deliver a sizeable contribution to the sustainability policy of the Dutch Railways. In addition we are aiming to reduce the percentage of residual waste for Randstad Noord by no less than 53%", states Dennis Leeuwerik, Director Sales & Marketing at Van Gansewinkel. "A huge ambition because the majority of the waste isn't created by the staff but via the passengers. With the roll-out of the waste awareness campaign and by making various resources available at the

stations, we will motivate passengers to behave conscientiously with waste and to separate it at source."

The majority of the waste collected will be given a second life as a raw material for new products. "Out of the almost 3 million kilos of waste collected, around 2.5 million kilos will be given a second life as a raw material" states Carola Wijdoogen, Director Sustainable Business at NS. "Van Gansewinkel manages a wide range of waste streams for NS Randstad Noord. The waste management company takes charge of streams such as paper/cardboard, swill (food waste from the restaurants for example), out of date products, construction and demolition waste, wood, glass, VFG waste, clean rubble, (small) hazardous waste and other commercial waste. Van Gansewinkel will also manage the commercial waste that is generated from cleaning the trains."