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UNITED KINGDOM Election Campaign: Labour Party praises privately owned rail operator

Currently, there is an election campaign taking place in the UK. Yesterday, it was with great interest that we noticed how the UK Labour Party leader has published a new election video praising a privately owned passenger rail operator in Europe.

As part of its new video called "[It's time to bring Britain's railways into the 21st century](#)¹", the Labour Party states that:



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In both cases, Labour shows the maroon red trains of Italo (italotreno.it/en/the-train), **one of the most successful privately owned passenger rail operators in Europe.**

Since Italo entered the Italian market (on an open access basis) seven years ago:

- Average fares have fallen by 40%²
- Private investors have paid for 42 brand new high speed trains
- The total high-speed rail market has doubled
- Subsidy has decreased => which is better for the taxpayer

All in all, the entry of this private operator into the Italian market has led to a **significant improvement for passengers, taxpayers and the environment - compared to the previous situation when there was only a single, nationalised rail operator.**

ALLRAIL's Secretary General Nick Brooks states: "it's great to see how the UK Labour Party highlights the positive effect of private companies in the European rail sector **by praising one of them in its election literature.** If Labour comes to power, it should retain the benefits of the private sector involvement in UK passenger rail".

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¹ <https://twitter.com/jeremycorbyn/status/1196324156515606529?fbclid=IwAR2-nWVe6rgv65-0aF8BY3RfouoQdYysF98hDbGQmnYtF0V2kTOCoCZ7Ln8>

² <https://mediarail.wordpress.com/ntv-italo-seven-years-and-now-success>