

# The railway sector perspective on cyber security

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# CER – who we are

More than

**70**

Members and  
partners



**73%**

of the European rail network length



**80%**

of the European rail freight  
business



**95%**

of rail passenger operations in  
Europe

Council of the EU

European Commission

European Parliament

European Railway  
Agency (ERA)

# CER's business priorities

## 1. Legislation

- Contributing to the implementation of the 4th Railway Package's Technical Pillar

## 2. Digitalisation

- *Shaping digitalized railways to better serve rail customers: FSM, ERTMS, Connectivity, etc.*

## 3. Rail corridors

- Strengthening the development of the Core Network Corridors

## 4. Regulatory framework

- Improving rail's intermodal competitiveness, Road Package, Combined Transport, Noise

# Railways' commitment to digitalisation

- Digitalisation = top priority
- Objective: highly efficient and attractive transport options
- Meet the specific demands of railways, their staff and customers
- Integration into the digital ecosystem
  - More joined-up work; building win-win partnerships
- Ensure safety, security & sustainability

# From traditional physical to emerging **cyber threats**

- From '**closed**' IT network with high level of security to increasingly '**connected**' systems → exposed to **cyber-threats**
- **Intentional** as well as **accidental** cyber security threats (sources: terrorists, criminals, hackers, competitors, malware developers, employees...)
- Cyber-attacks **growing** in scope and **sophistication**

# What is at stake?

- Disruption of rail services
- Economic losses for railways and their customers
- Loss of commercial or sensitive information
- Reputational damage
- Potential risks to safety

# Security a priority to railways

- Comprehensive **security strategy**
  - Holistic, proportionate and coordinated
  - Flexible and risk based
- Close **cooperation** between different players
  - RUs & IMs
  - National authorities
  - Suppliers
  - Service providers...

# Railways' approach to cyber security

- (Cyber) security risk assessment
- A set of technical, procedural and managerial security measures
- Training and awareness-raising
- Information sharing & exchange of good practices with other stakeholders
- Regular review of introduced measures
- Implementation of NIS directive



# Rail compliance with NIS Directive

- Understand cyber risk
- Protect railway assets
- Reduce the impact of cyber security incidents
- Ensure timely reporting of these events
- Share information on cyber activity with stakeholders

# EURail-ISAC?

- Any initiative for an ISAC should not lead to duplication.
- Integrating ISAC in Rail Common Occurrence Reporting system is the opportunity to address security alert in a professional and robust way.
- In case of cyber threat, security contact person will first be involved but also safety manager should get the alert.
- ERA has key role to play

# Cyber security at European level

- EU to continue addressing the issue of cyber security
- Enhanced cooperation & coordination among national authorities
- Better exchange of information & intelligence
- Development of guidance & practical tools at EU level
- Exchange of good practices

# Further European action?

- Identify the **main obstacles** → create necessary policy framework
- Foster **research & development**
- **Overcome imbalances** between EU territories
- **Financial instruments**
  - ESI, EFSI, Horizon 2020 and others

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