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Infrastructure Managers



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EIM POSITION PAPER SECURITY POLICY



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Introduction:

Since the beginning of 2006 rail security has been a concern for EIM members, mainly as a reaction to the events in Madrid and London. This takes into account both counter terrorism and security in the broader sense.

EIM members believe that EIM has a role as a united group in international projects and developments, especially those that aim at improving the protection of rail Infrastructure.

In addition, EIM believes that a platform to exchange information and recommended practices best should be built at the European level.

Security and Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) are increasingly on the agenda of infrastructure managers in Europe. This is reinforced by the increasing interest of the European Commission in setting minimum security standards for all modes of transport.

As an important sector's organisation, EIM can cooperate in the development and exchange of best practices among the other sector's organisations, as well as continuing to influence legislation.

Rail security is related to the role and responsibilities of IMs and a better understanding should be reached. It is vital that the relationships between security and all of the other subsystems of the railways are properly understood in order that appropriate national and European legislation can be enacted.

Methodology

In a very clear position EIM has decided to promote a policy on security and CIP in relation to the rail transport system that reflects the concerns of the EIM members.

The first steps to achieve these objectives are:

- Definition of IMs' future security roles and responsibilities in relation to both High Speed and Conventional Rail.
- Development of the basic principles for security inside the rail system.
- Involvement in the development of EU Legislation.
- Guidance for business cases for rail security.

A structural framework for the period of 2008-10 has been settled which consists of the following:

On the Strategic Level:

- Production of a Position Paper on Security & CIP - “our policy”
- The revision of present EIM Position Papers on CIP
- The definition of the EIM role and responsibilities on the European work with the other sector organisations
- Development of a proposal on a white paper for Rail Security - 2010
- Guidance for a Public Private Partnership Structure

On the Tactical Level:

- Specify R&D needs
- Development of basics parameters for assets (functional specifications)
- Specify measures for threat levels
- Guidance on risk models and assessment for Rail Security

Conclusion:

EIM believes that security and CIP are matters that are increasingly on the agenda of infrastructure managers in Europe and thus must be on EIM's agenda. This need is reinforced when one looks at the increasing interest of the European Commission in setting minimum security standards for all modes of transport.

EIM should seek to influence legislation but should also seek to assist the other sector organizations and support the EC, helping those with less experience to deal with the threats and risks involved, by exchanging recommended practices and experience.