

Press release **24BLUE** Rail Action Day 22nd - 23rd November 2018

RAILPOL, the European Association of Organizations responsible for policing the railways in Europe, organized the **16th 24BLUE Rail Action Day**, on 22nd and 23rd November 2018.

A coordinated action which took place in the 16 member countries of RAILPOL with the main aim to **enhance and intensify international railway police cooperation** in Europe, to **prevent threats** and guarantee the **effectiveness of measures against cross-border crimes** and, last but not least, to send a **Pan-European message of Police collaboration**.

The participating RAILPOL member states performed checks in the stations and on the trains, such as preventive actions to tackle the most common criminal phenomena of the railway environment with a special **red line: *policing the railway environment and extended identity checks in case of offences and/or arrests.***

During the action **15.144** Police Officers were involved. They performed **44.785** id-checks, discovering **191** wanted persons and another **2.579** with criminal records. The overall activities led to the patrol of **4.461** train stations and check of **6.185** trains, where the Police Officers prevented numerous offences across varying crime types by the reporting of **843** persons to the courts.

Beside the RAILPOL member countries, Poland, as external guest, took part in the **24-BLUE** while the USA, beside the European Action, organized the Rail Safe Day on 21st November 2018 with the participation of 40 States and DC.

