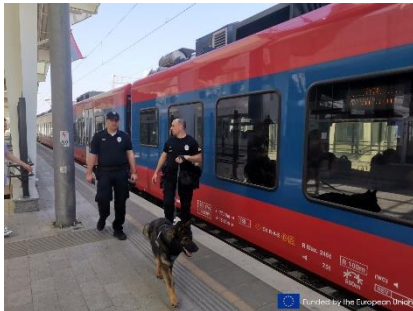




Press Release **27th Crime Prevention Week.**

RAILPOL, the European Association of Organisations responsible for policing the railways in Europe, organized the **27th Crime Prevention Week** on April 2024. It took place from **8th to 14th of April 2024**. The operation Crime Prevention Week is succeeding the previous **24Blue Rail action day** and is extended to a period of one week.



This action coordinated by the various RAILPOL member countries could be organised over a week by the members based on their own legislation and priorities but above all, according to their strategy, their challenges and their available implementation capacity.

The 17 participating RAILPOL members focused on the prevention of any threat but also on the challenge of tackling cross-border crimes, especially the drug related crime. Therefore, the main goal was to reinforce the cooperation of the different railway police forces. Participants focused on checking train stations and trains to prevent potential threats. Identity checks have also been conducted. This operation allows each country to review its crime-fighting methods and techniques.

From one operation to the next, the results allow all members to get an overview of their work but also their collaboration with the different railway police forces.

All together **28.592** police officers were involved in the operation and **83.936** persons were identified. Among them **9.033** with criminal records and **468** wanted persons. **399** persons were arrested because of drug related offences. The officers seized **973** grams of hard drugs and **1.715** grams of soft drugs. Detected were **999** irregular migrants. The police officers prevented numerous offences across varying crime types with the arrest and charge of **1.315** persons.

