

## Press release **24BLUE** Rail Action Day 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**RAILPOL** is an international network of organizations responsible for policing the railways in EU Member States. The main aim is to enhance and intensify international railway police cooperation in Europe, to prevent threats and guarantee the effectiveness of measures against cross-border crimes, such as safe travels for passengers and people who, for different reasons, spend time in the stations.

Among the initiatives to achieve this aim and to send a Pan-European message of Police collaboration, RAILPOL organizes coordinated actions so called *Rail Action Days* (RAD's). Today this RAD is called **13<sup>th</sup> 24BLUE**.



The RAD took action on 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and, during 24 hours (from 7:00am to 7:00am), the participating RAILPOL member states performed many 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: *aggression/violence in the railway environment*, according to the priorities set by the members.



During the action **9.522** Police Officers were involved. They performed **30.736** id-checks on **6.512** trains and in **4.072** stations. The overall activities led to the identification of **300** illegal migrants and prevented numerous offences across varying crime types by the reporting of **594** persons to the court.

The *red line* of this action was the “aggressions/violence in the railway environment” and the RAILPOL countries reported **75** persons responsible for aggression/violence to Police Officers, Railway Staff and passengers.

