

Press release **24BLUE Rail Action Day** 26 - 27 March 2019

RAILPOL, the European Association of Organizations responsible for policing the railways in Europe, organized the **17th 24BLUE Rail Action Day**, on 26th – 27th March 2019.

A coordinated action which took place in the 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 and the guest countries, Austria and Poland, 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: identity checks of passenger and people**.

During the action **19.741** Police Officers were involved. They performed **54.776** id-checks, discovering **238** wanted persons and another **8.706** with criminal records. The security services led to patrol of **6.746** train stations and check of **8.680** trains, where the Police Officers prevented numerous offences across varying crime types with the arrest and the reporting of **1.782** persons to the courts.

To ensure the security for passengers and people, the Police Cooperation went beyond the sea and the European borders, so the USA, beside the RAILPOL Action, organized the Rail Safe Day on 26th March 2019 with the involvement of 860 Police Officers in 39 States/DC and 111 railway stations.

