

## ***Press release 24BLUE Rail Action Day 24 -25 March 2021***

**RAILPOL**, the European Association of Organizations responsible for policing the railways in Europe, organized the 21<sup>st</sup> **24BLUE Rail Action Day** on 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The coordinated action is organized twice a year in the RAILPOL Member Countries. 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* and, last but not least, to send a *Pan-European message of Police collaboration*.

In full respect with the restrictions and the safety measures imposed by the Covid-19 outbreak, 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.

During the operation **10.093** Police Officers were involved and **40.914** persons were identified. The security services led to the patrols of **4.591** train stations and checks of **6.185** trains. The Police Officers prevented numerous offences across varying crime types with the arrest and charge of **1.123** persons.

For this 24BLUE, Poland was involved as guest country and, overseas, the Associated Member, the American Amtrak Police, also participated with a parallel action.

