



Press release Rail Action Day “Active Shield” 21st –22nd January 2020

RAILPOL, the European Association of Organizations responsible for policing the railways in Europe, organized the Rail Action Day “Active Shield”, on 21st and 22nd January 2020.

A coordinated action which took place in seven member countries of RAILPOL and Poland a guest, with the Railway Security Guard, the Polish Police and the Border Crossing Guard.



The main objective of the action is to enhance and intensify international railway police cooperation in Europe. The concept of the Active Shield is to perform several checks on trains - mainly high speed and international - and in the stations, with the aim of identifying passengers and, where necessary, checking their baggage to prevent threats and to guarantee to passengers a safe travel across Europe.



During the action **3.420** Police Officers were involved. They performed **14.244** checks on persons and checked **3.725** baggage, when required. **131** luggage shops and **291** automatic lockers were also checked. Additional means such as metal detectors or dogs were used as needed.

The overall activities have resulted in the patrol of **2.599** train stations and check of **2.250** trains, where the Police Officers prevented numerous offences across varying crime types by the reporting of **143** persons.

