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## Press release **Active Attackers Training.**

The "Active Attacker" training was held in Lisbon, Portugal, from **18 to 20 February 2025**. Chaired by the **Counter-Terrorism Working Group** and organised by the Portuguese Police (**PSP**), the training's initial objective was to work on prevent threats and dangers in the railway environment.

In this instance, a group of 15 trainers specialising in intervention techniques, who had been sent by RAILPOL members, convened with the objective of addressing significant issues pertaining to railway security and to engage in collaborative scenarios that could be encountered in practical settings.



The training programme was spread over a period of three days. On the first day, the trainers began with the approach of theoretical concepts, with the intention of providing examples wherever possible. These were followed by a series of practical exercises. Three scenarios have been set up (the suicide of a terrorist after having caused numerous victims; the presence of a terrorist on a train; and the arrest of an assailant), with the intention of covering the widest range of possibilities in terms of threats and dangers. The second intention was to enable all the trainers to work with each other and learn from each other.



The capacity to draw parallels and elucidate the multifarious intervention techniques is of considerable value. In the context of border countries operating under conditions of mixed patrols in specific scenarios, a procedure for the harmonisation of techniques can be established.

RAILPOL would like to express its gratitude to all the trainers for their dynamism, seriousness and commitment during this event. The continued dedication of our members is essential to RAILPOL's ongoing efforts to enhance railway security!

