**Objective**

On 16th May 2018, RailNetEurope (RNE) and the Platform of Rail Infrastructure Managers in Europe (PRIME) approved the "International Contingency Management Handbook". It describes rules and procedures in the case of disruption on a rail network which impacts cross-border traffic on Rail Freight Corridors (RFCs). The Handbook is a guideline to standardise procedures. It also clarifies the division and distribution of responsibilities in the case of a contingency.

**Involvement of Infrastructure Managers**

For Infrastructure Managers (IMs), streamlining rules on contingency management offer an efficient tool to reduce the impact of unforeseen events on the timetable.

**EIM in action**

- EIM has been closely involved in the preparation of this document.
- EIM and its members understand the importance of a harmonised contingency management to support seamless cross-border rail operations.

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**Opportunities**

- Cross-border contingency management will contribute to return to normal operations quicker;
- The measures help increasing the competitiveness of freight transport on rail.

**Challenges**

The contingency plan can only be successful if its rules are correctly put in practice and applied in a consistent manner.