**Objective**

To ensure a high-level of safety, Infrastructure Managers (IMs) are committed to delivering a safe, high performing and reliable rail network. Regarding safety, their activities are regulated by the Railway Safety Directive (EU) 2016/798 and related Common Safety Methods (CSMs) and, where relevant, Directive on Transport of Dangerous Goods 2008/68/EC.

**Involvement of Infrastructure Manager**

IMs are at the heart of the railway system and play a crucial role in ensuring the safety of rail infrastructure. IMs also promote a “safety culture” within their organisation as a precondition to safety.

**EIM in action**

- EIM organises a Safety WG where IMs share their best practices and information on their Safety Management System (SMS);
- EIM’s Safety WG contributes to all safety related activities of the EU Agency for Railways (ERA);
- EIM cooperates with the rail sector to achieve improvements in railway regulation and safety, e.g. via the “System Safety Management Group” (SSMG).

**Opportunities**

- A harmonised EU safety regulatory framework supporting the improvement of safety benefits to railway employees as well as railway users;
- A well-functioning safety regulatory framework according to harmonised principles across the whole EU allows for fair distribution of costs and benefits among the rail stakeholders.

**Challenges**

- The different actors regulating and implementing safety requirements need to be coordinated.

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