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EIM (European Rail Infrastructure Managers) Joins Multinational Support Ukraine Rail Task Force as an Observer

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Two weeks ago, leading rail sector officials in Europe and the USA announced the formation of a Multinational “Support Ukraine Rail Task Force”, in partnership with Ukrainian Railways “Ukrzaliznytsia” (UZ)¹, the Ukrainian Ministry of Infrastructure² and the Ukrainian Cabinet³. The aim is to coordinate technical, mechanical, and policy support for Ukrainian citizens and the rail sector.

A truly multinational initiative, the Task Force is chaired by Jolene Molitoris, former Administrator of the United States Federal Railroad Administration, with strong involvement from European stakeholders as well.

This week, the European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM)⁴, has joined the new Task Force as an observer. EIM is a non-profit association, representing the interests of European rail infrastructure managers in Europe, in particular vis à vis the EU institutions.

ALLRAIL’s Secretary General Nick Brooks confirms that *“the Task Force is unique and complementary to any other initiative. It aims for concrete measures to address the consequences of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. The time has come to move from theory to action. Rail infrastructure managers are important actors in this regard.”*

EIM’s Executive Director Monika Heiming states that *“the Task Force brings together different railway actors with the clear ambition to help. Rail infrastructure management is even more critical in these times, triggering EIM to join the Task Force.”*

¹ https://www.uz.gov.ua/en/press_center/up_to_date_topic/579586/

² https://fakty.com.ua/ua/ukraine/suspilstvo/20220325-do-organizaciyi-roboty-uz-zaluchat-predstavnykiv-zaliznycz-yes-ta-ssha-ministr-infrastruktury/?__cf_chl_tk=oLS9wcUBKPM.dGLrzbwCFMFhxeVD9QvMIKKnKUFc3rw-1648723206-0-gaNycGzNCZE

³ <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/news/25-bereznya-situaciya-v-transportnij-infrastrukturi-stanom-na-1200>

⁴ <https://eimrail.org/>

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<p>Nick Brooks Secretary General ALLRAIL asbl Tel +49 151 5760 4043 E: nick.brooks@allrail.eu Twitter: @ALLRAIL_EU Website https://www.allrail.eu</p>	<p>ALLRAIL represents passenger rail new entrants to the rail market, who want fair and non-discriminatory market conditions, and sustains their role of pushing forward the development of the railway market.</p> <p>The members of ALLRAIL share a commitment to work towards a competitive and innovative single European railway market.</p> <p>ALLRAIL was established in 2017 in Brussels and to date represents 17 members from across Europe, such as Leo Express, Omio, MTR Nordic, Regiojet, iryo, FlixTrain, Transdev and WESTbahn.</p>
<p>Monika Heiming Executive Director EIM aisbl T: +32 2 234 37 70 E: monika.heiming@eimrail.org Twitter: @eimrail / @MHExDirEIM Web: www.eimrail.org</p>	<p>EIM, the association of European Rail Infrastructure Managers, was established in 2002 to promote the interests and views of the independent Infrastructure Managers in Europe, following liberalisation of the railway market.</p> <p>It also provides technical expertise to the appropriate European bodies such as the European Union Agency for Railways.</p> <p>EIM's primary goal is promoting growth of rail traffic and the development of an open, sustainable, efficient and customer orientated rail network in Europe.</p>