

## Press Release

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### The CEOs of EIM discussed the strategic priorities of EIM and re-elected John Voppen, CEO of ProRail as Member of the Board of EIM

Today, the CEOs of EIM formally approved the work achieved by EIM in 2022 and defined the strategic priorities for the association in the second half of 2023 and beyond. During today's annual meeting, they exchanged on the strategic priorities in the light of the main initiatives of the EU Commission, such as the recast of the TEN-T, European rail capacity and traffic management, the main trends relevant for rail infrastructure managers, the evolution of the EU Green Deal. The CEOs also exchanged on their respective initiatives related to Ukraine and national evolutions.

The General Assembly of EIM unanimously re-elected **John Voppen**, CEO of the Dutch Infrastructure Manager ProRail, as Vice-President.

The President of EIM, **María Luisa Domínguez González**, states: *"The rail sector is experiencing exciting times. Many EU initiatives address rail infrastructure, be it in terms of technical or operational requirements, connectivity, enlargement, alternative fuels or charging. This means that EIM and its members need to be able to keep pace with all these reforms and steer them in a way that they can be implemented by all. In this context, I would like to thank EIM and its members for the great achievements in 2022 and the joint strategic priorities for the association for the years to come. I also congratulate my colleague John Voppen for his re-election as member of the Board of EIM today."*

**John Voppen** says: *"I thank the members of EIM for their renewed confidence and support. These challenging times for Europe and beyond call for more international cooperation. Rail infrastructure managers have a crucial role to play"*.

The Executive Director of EIM, **Monika Heiming**, complements: *"Since 2020, EU regulatory activities have multiplied, most of which are relevant for rail infrastructure managers. They come with challenges but also opportunities for EIM and its members, such as the TEN-T, the capacity management, to mention just a few. All of these reforms will shape the railway agenda on EU and sector level for the remaining decade. EIM is committed to make a valuable contribution to these reforms."*

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