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EIM and 6G-IA sign a Memorandum of Understanding

Yesterday, the **European Rail Infrastructure Managers Association (EIM)** and the **6G Smart Networks and Services Industry Association (6G-IA)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance digital integration and drive further innovation in rail systems.

This memorandum constitutes a formal step forward in the collaboration between the two organisations, enabling the exchange of information and ensuring that the needs of railway infrastructure managers are effectively integrated into the development of 6G technologies.

On behalf of EIM, **Monika Heiming, Executive Director**, stated: *“As digitalisation and automation are key challenges for the rail sector of the future, 5G and soon 6G will be fundamental to ensuring seamless digital operations and communication on the rail network. Therefore, we are proud to strengthen our cooperation with 6G-IA for a more innovative rail infrastructure, benefiting European customers and businesses.”*

On behalf of 6G-IA, **Colin Willcock, Chairman of the Governing Board**, declared: *“I welcome this important step to improve the future collaboration with the rail sector. The success of 5G, and in the future 6G, is tightly linked with the ability to successfully use this technology in new industrial domains. With EIM as a strong partner we hope to work together to demonstrate and prove that these new communication technologies provide real advantage to both rail infrastructure operators and customers.”*

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<p>For further information, please contact:</p> <p>6G-IA Office T.: +32 473 382851 E.: office@6g-ia.eu</p>	<p>6G-IA is the voice of European Industry and Research for next generation networks and services. Its primary objective is to contribute to Europe's leadership on beyond 5G and 6G research and to full 5G deployment according to the 5G Action Plan. The 6G-IA carries out a wide range of activities in strategic areas including standardization, frequency spectrum, R&D projects, technology skills, collaboration with key vertical industry sectors, notably for the development of trials, and international cooperation.</p> <p>To find out more about 6G, visit www.6g-ia.eu/</p>