

Press Release

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On 27th March 2026, the **European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM)**, represented by its President **Miguel Cruz**, CEO of Infraestruturas de Portugal (IP) and Monika Heiming, Executive Director of EIM, exchanged with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the **Independent Regulator's Group – Rail (IRG-Rail)**: Martin Jones, of the Office of Rail and Road (UK) and Gaëlle Nguyen, of Autorité de Régulation des Transports (FR).

The high-level exchange focused on major EU policy files with direct impact on the rail sector and in particular rail infrastructure managers, notably rail capacity management, certification of train drivers and related digitalisation aspects, military mobility and the European high-speed rail network. Participants exchanged in particular on regulatory trends and challenges, implementation perspectives and the need for coherent approaches to support capacity optimisation, cross-border operations and long-term infrastructure investment.

IRG-Rail also presented the main orientations of its 2026 work programme and confirmed that its annual Market Monitoring Report will be published in Spring 2026.

Both IRG-Rail and EIM emphasised the value of continued dialogue to ensure that evolving EU legislation is both effective and operationally workable.

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| <p>IRG-Rail Martin Jones, Chair E: IRG-Rail@orr.gov.uk</p> | <p>IRG-Rail is the "Independent Regulators' Group – Rail", a network of independent rail Regulatory Bodies from 31 European countries. The overall aim is to facilitate the creation of a single, competitive, efficient and sustainable internal railways market in Europe, acting as a platform for cooperation, information exchange and sharing of best practice.</p> <p>To find out more about IRG-Rail, visit www.IRG-Rail.eu</p> |
| <p>EIM Monika Heiming Executive Director T.: +32 2 234 37 70 E.: monika.heiming@eimrail.org</p> | <p>EIM, the association of European Rail Infrastructure Managers, was established in 2002 to promote the interests of the infrastructure managers in Europe. EIM's primary goal is promoting growth of rail traffic and the development of an open sustainable, efficient, customer-oriented rail network in Europe.</p> <p>To find out more about EIM, visit www.eimrail.org</p> |