CER, EIM and UIC Position Paper

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COR – Safety Management Data (SMD)

COR SAFETY MANAGEMENT DATA SYSTEM (SMD)

Summary

With this Position Paper the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) summarises in writing its oral intervention at the ERA workshop on "COR Safety Management Data system" in Lille on 22nd and 23rd February 2017 supported by EIM and UIC.

CER, EIM and UIC believe that the exchange of appropriate safety related data brings added value to all players in the sector.

CER, EIM und UIC acknowledge the concerns of some NSAs, and some members of the rail operating community, in terms of national reporting versus European reporting as these parties already have mature reporting (and risk analysis) systems in place. Therefore CER, EIM and UIC support linking the national reporting and the European reporting, to avoid any double reporting with both.

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1. General comments

CER, EIM and UIC support a form of enhanced safety management data capture at European level and underline that we fully believe that exchanging safety related data on European level is of benefit for the European railway sector and its stakeholders.

Nevertheless, CER, EIM and UIC have been concerned about the current way forward in the COR "SMD" project as important basic principles were not defined and clear. CER, EIM and UIC have been concerned that the current approach might lead to the development of a tool that will be expensive in the end but of no real benefit.

2. Recommendation

CER, EIM and UIC recommend

- o to keep the existing, well-functioning and reliable national reporting systems
- o to set up the European reporting as an add-on application to the National Occurrence Reporting (NOR)
- o to properly interface National Occurrence Reporting (NOR) and Common Occurrence Reporting (COR)

CER, EIM and UIC appreciate the idea of the discussed date warehouse (RU/IM feeds data to NOR, NOR feeds into COR data warehouse) and acknowledge the need to promote occurrence reporting in countries without such systems and recommends the Agency promoting the establishment of such tools.

CER, EIM and UIC propose

- o to use NOR as portal for COR
- o NSAs to be single point of contact for COR data and to forward consolidated content of European relevance to COR, thus stakeholder specific data is not to be forwarded.
- o that the input to NOR is based on the existing legal requirements: the CSIs

CER, EIM and UIC believe that the advantage for the Agency is to have "28" interfaces instead of thousands of interfaces. A high quality of data will be ensured like this.

3. The CER, EIM and UIC position in brief

- Keep the National Occurrence Reporting (NOR)
- Promote Occurrence Reporting (OR) in all Member States (MS)
- Create COR as add-on to NOR (Data-warehouse) – Link NOR and COR
- Limit the data in COR so that it is useful and exploitable on a European level
- Data should be analysed locally, taking into account different operational or technical contexts and systems.

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