



Press Release

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- Action to support the CEF Program -
Improving cooperation between railway infrastructure administrators for
updating rail safety management in the EU
- Exchanges of experience -

National Railway Company "CFR" SA - CNCF "CFR" S.A. must ensure an improvement of the safety management system in order to align Romania to the European transport standards.

In April 2016, CNCF "CFR" SA filed the CEF PSA SAFETY Application Form.

In December 2016, CNCF "CFR" SA concluded the *CEF PSA SAFETY financing agreement* for CNCF CFR-SA experts to participate in the project for the exchange of information in the field of railway safety, the project aiming to establish standards that ensure a high level of railway safety.

Between February and November 2017, took place activities of system and process knowledge exchanges, rail safety culture development and railway infrastructure managers' commitment, 4 study visits and a final conference presentation of the results of the CEF PSA SAFETY Action.

CNCF "CFR" S.A.'s experts have collaborated with experts from different railway operators Network Rail, HZI, Infrabel, Adif, PKP, Trafikverket ProRail, Rail Irish, OBB, SNCF and RFI and experience exchanges took place between CNCF "CFR" S.A. and Network Rail, respectively between CNCF "CFR" S.A. and HZ Infrastruktura.

The **general objective** of the experience exchange project was to understand the benefits of developing a rail safety management system.

The **specific objectives** of the exchange of experience were:

- 1.) *Raising awareness of safety, rail safety culture.*
- 2.) *Reporting and investigation of accidents to improve railway safety.*

Following all visits, good practices were recommended to CNCF "CFR" S.A. .:

- Improving the current safety communication system within CNCF "CFR" S.A.
- Improvement of the rapid alert system in case of railway accidents / incidents;
- Improving the safety management system procedures, in particular as regards the setting of objectives, risk management and security systems audits.

For more information on the CEF Transport Program (2014-2020):

<https://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/connecting-europe-facility>

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