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#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Ignacy Góra**



POSITION IN THE  
EUROPEAN UNION  
AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS

**Member – representing Poland**

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 – currently

**President**

**Office of Rail Transport, Warszawa (Poland)**

- authorising and coordinating charges for the use of allocated paths as part of the rail infrastructure, taking into account their conformity with the rules of setting these charges;
- oversight of just and nondiscriminatory treatment by infrastructure managers of all applicants regarding the access to railway infrastructure;
- oversight of just and nondiscriminatory treatment by service facility operators of all railway carriers regarding the access to service facilities;
- oversight of safety in railway transport as well as proper maintenance and operation of railway lines, sidings and other railway routes;
- issuing opinions on transport plans regarding passenger transport by rail;
- issuing opinions on public service contracts;
- issuing decisions on open access;
- oversight of compliance by infrastructure managers, railway carriers and service facility operators regarding the accounting regulations;
- safety authorisation and certification of the railway market participants;
- licensing of train-drivers;
- oversight of train-driver and train-driver candidate training and examination centres;
- certification of entities in charge of maintenance (ECM);
- oversight of compliance by infrastructure managers and railway carriers with regard to European Union and national legal regulations;
- authorising the use of new or upgraded rolling stock and types of vehicles;
- issuing licenses for the use of types of buildings and equipment in the management of railway traffic;
- ensuring the competitiveness of the railway market;
- monitoring, promotion, implementation and extension of the scope of safety regulations, including the system of national safety rules;
- providing an annual assessment of railway traffic safety, as required by EU regulations;
- oversight of the observation of passenger rights in railway transport;

- oversight of technical solutions, being of impact to railway traffic safety and safety of the railway system;
  - authorising conformity assessment bodies applying for notification.
- 2019 – currently **Member of the Accessibility Council**  
Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy
- 2016 – currently **Member of the Management Board**  
European Union Agency for Railways, Valenciennes (France)
- 2016 – currently **Member of the Accreditation Board**  
Polish Centre for Accreditation
- 2013 – 2016 **Office of Rail Transport, Warszawa (Poland)**
- 25/02/2016–24/11/2016 Acting President
- 2013 – 25/02/2016 Vicepresident for Technology and Safety
- supervision of the principles of safety in rail transport and the proper maintenance and operation of railway lines and railway sidings;
  - control compliance by managers, railway undertakings and siding users duties in the field of rail safety, in particular the rules of railway traffic, signaling and technical conditions of railway vehicles;
  - monitoring, promotion, implementation and extension of the scope of safety regulation, including the system of national safety rules;
  - an annual assessment of the safety of railway traffic, presented to the Minister of Infrastructure and the European Union Agency for Railways;
  - the issuance, extension, modification and revocation of safety authorizations, safety certificates and safety certificates;
  - control of compliance of infrastructure managers and railway operators with Community law and national security;
  - authorize to in service of new or upgraded rolling stock;
  - issuing licenses for exploitation of types of buildings and equipment for managing rail traffic and licenses for exploitation of a type of vehicle Rail.
- 2002–2013 **PKP CARGO S.A., Warszawa (Poland)**
- Head of Traffic Safety Division – Plenipotentiary for the Security Management System**
- monitoring of the security situation with regard to rail traffic and implementation of measures aimed at reducing the amount of the resulting rail accidents;
  - supervision, improvement and maintenance of the Safety Management System;
  - supervision of selected accident investigations;
  - protection of the Company's activities in emergency and crisis cases, including the development of management systems operations;
  - implementation of the annual program of internal safety audits;
  - cooperation with members of the National Commission for Investigation of Railway Accidents.

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#### Head of Rolling Stock Operations Division

- management of the work teams and MU sets;
- organization of allocation schemes of MU sets;
- coordination of border and cross-border traction services, also on shared sections;
- development of programs and coordination of MU-set employees' training system;
- coordination of the work schemes, supervision and training of train-drivers and instructors.

#### Head of MU-set and Locomotive Operations

- management of the work teams and MU sets/locomotives;
- development of the programme to improve traffic safety;
- performance of the controlling activities with regard to railway traffic safety and shunting operations;
- participation, as company's representative, in the accident commissions;
- development of crisis management procedures;
- training of instructors and train-drivers.

#### 1980 - 2002 **PKP (Polish Railways)**

- traction dispatcher, dispatcher – coordinator;
- train-driver;
- assistant train-driver.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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2021 – currently

#### **Member of the Autonomic Transport and Electromobility Section**

Polish Academy of Sciences

2021 – currently

#### **Member of the Transport Committee**

Polish Academy of Sciences

2017-2018

#### **Ph. D. in technical sciences (transport)**

Warsaw University of Technology

Ph. D. thesis on the modelling and concept of simulation research on the dynamic characteristics of a railway wheel-set, when using innovative self-lubricant layers

2016

#### **ICAN Management Course**

ICAN Institute

2005 - 2013

#### **Postgraduate studies**

Silesian University of Technology – Transport – Integrated Safety Management Systems;  
Cracow University of Technology – Electrotechnology – Modern Electrical Technologies in Transport;  
Leon Koźmiński Academy – Organisation and management – European Model of Management;  
Radom University of Technology – Transport – European Integration in Railway Transport.

**2001–2003 M.A. in management**

Cracow University of Technology – Management and production engineering – Organisation and management of an enterprise

**1996–2001 B.Sc. in mechanics**

Cracow University of Technology – Mechanics and construction of machines – Rolling stock

**TRAININGS**

Risk management and governance control in the Office of Rail Transport – PBSG sp. z o.o.;

Risk analysis in railway transport – TUV Nord Polska;

Management systems in a PN-EN ISO/IEC 17065:2013-03 certifying entity (products, processes, services) – Polish Centre for Accreditation;

Railway transport risk analysis manager – OTTIMA Plus sp. z o.o.;

AutoCAD Intermediate – Autodesk;

Quality management system's internal auditor – Transport Technical Supervision Authority;

Development of managerial competence – European Education and Advisory Centre;

Strategic Enterprise Management – CS Szkolenie i Doradztwo sp. z o.o.

**OTHER**

**Managerial / organisational skills**

- management of a multi-team, multi-layered organisation;
- determination of goals;
- team management;
- responsibility delegation;
- decision-making;
- team performance monitoring;
- financial and non-financial team motivation.

**Professional skills**

- excellent knowledge of the railway traffic and safety issues;
- knowledge of legal framework on railway market regulation, passenger rights, interoperability of the railway system, authorisations for use, safety management systems, rolling stock maintenance systems;
- conducting of administrative proceedings;
- knowledge of civil service issues;
- knowledge of the rules and regulations on training and examination of the employees responsible for railway safety;
- knowledge of software used in the process of management of locomotives and locomotive crews;
- knowledge on planning, use and maintenance of locomotives;
- knowledge on planning and preparation of timetables;
- knowledge on planning of work of locomotive crews, considering the labour law as well as EU regulations;
- knowledge on quality management regulations;
- knowledge on the management of railway transport operations during electricity-fuel shortages.

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#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

##### Publications (selected)

- ETCS Limited Supervision as a way to improve railway safety – SEIMTS 2021
- Practical aspects of conformity assessment of line investments – NOVKOL 2020;
- Modelling and concept of simulation research of the dynamic characteristics of a railway wheel-set, when using innovative self-lubricant layers – Scientific Works of the Warsaw University of Technology 2017
- Virtual locomotive – real skills – Railway Courier 2017;
- Regulations on the railway service facilities after the amendment of the act on railway transport – IKAR 2016;
- Should Poland carry out the message „Lorries onto the tracks” – Polish Transport Gazette 2016;
- Challenges to the implementation of interoperability into the Polish railway market – Railway Courier 2016;
- Technical pillar of the 4th Railway Package – changes as seen from the market's point of view – Railway Courier 2016;
- An applicant and an operator of the railway infrastructure facility – Railway Courier 2016;
- Railway accessibility – a priority – Railway Courier 2016;
- Interoperability of Railway System of the European Union – KOW 2015;
- The disadvantages of materials affecting railway safety – 2010;
- Comparing the working conditions of the tread and disc brakes – 2002.

##### Security clearances

- NATO, EU and Polish security clearances – levels: NATO Secret / EU Secret / PL Secret.



