

EUG KMS PKI PoC

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Joint approach for Security in the EUG



- ERTMS security guidelines for existing and future implementations
- Proposals for Security in future TSIs (Part of EU-Rail Mirror Group)

 Recommendations on KMS setup, inter-KMC arrangements and processes



Joint approach for Security in the EUG



- Cyber Security Guideline (with EULYNX, OCORA and RCA)
- Security Concept
- Threat and Risk Analysis
- Recommended Security Measures
 Current and Future Systems

• KMS Guideline

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Joint approach for Security in the EUG



- Proposals for future TSIs regarding Key Management
- Cross-Border/Cross-Organisation Key Management
- Inter-PKI structures and arrangements



How do we establish Inter-KMC connections?



KMS and PKI – Proof of Concept Goals



Which organisational and technical structures and procedures are needed for efficient, interoperable ERTMS cross-border operation?

Proof of Concept - Objectives:

- Practical evaluation of PKI structures and certificate management (including revocation)
- Practical evaluation of inter-PKI communication
- Simplified demonstration of On-Line Key Exchange
- Simulate procedures (e.g. degraded mode) and technologies for cross-border traffic



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KMS and PKI – Proof of Concept High Level Planning

- Provide (expandable) virtualized environment for tests regarding
 - different PKI structures
 - inter KMC exchange
- Deliverables:
 - Report on results derived by EUG (+ additional involved parties)
 - Details regarding technical implementations
 - Identify necessary changes to the EUG/ESCG and the upcoming Subsets of EU-Rail







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Task Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Phase 1: Entity Certificate Management			·								-	
Phase 2: Inter-PKI Management												
Phase 3: Simulate PoC Communication												
Phase 4: Centralized Management												
Phase 5: Ability to test degraded mode												
Phase 6: External extensions												
Administration and Operation PoC												
Definition of Test Cases												
Evaluation and Report												

Setup							
Support External Extension							
Operation							
Coordination of Evaluation							











Phase 2:

Multiple PKIs are working next to each other in a dedicated sandbox environment. The setup is designed modularly and prepared for easy extension for quick set-up.







Phase 3:

A complete simulation environment will be available. The system will be able to establish mock connections using certificates issued by different PKIs in complex environments.







Phase 4:

A graphical user interface (GUI) will be implemented that allows to capture log data, start simulation, and manage the PKI servers in a simulation environment.







Phase 5:

Degraded mode for entities can be tested in the simulation environment. This includes using invalid certificates, simulating communication breakdown and other scenarios.







Phase 6:

The environment is prepared for external extensions. Hence e.g., external PKIs or mock-ups can be connected to the PoC environment.

Technical Details

- Virtualized on AWS using Docker
- Automatic deployment of the PKI architecture
- Using EJBCA Community version
- Code and Configuration is available on GitHub for all project members



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Do you like to join the project?

Contact / Further Information



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Results of the project will be available at https://ertms.be/activities/ertms-security-core-group

An overview of the work of the ESCG is provided in the article "Cyber security measures for ERTMS from the rail operators' perspective" in issue 09/23 of Signal+Draht. Cyber-Security-Maßnahmen für ERTMS aus Sicht der Bahnbetreiber

Cyber security measures for ERTMS from the rail operators' perspective

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The growing digital threat means that cyber security is assuming in increasingly prominent to in the railway sector. Hower lines are being operated with ETCS, the European digital train control system. The consequent need to provide ETCS with specific security protection was the impetion for establishing the ETRMS Security Core Group (ESC) within the ERTMS Users Group (ERC). The work undertaken by the ESC chas resulted in complementary security measures with practical applications and proposals for the future development of ETCS.