



RESTRAIL

REduction of Suicides and
Trespasses on RAILway property

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Welcome to the first Newsletter from the RESTRAIL project

RESTRAIL is a 3-year project that started on 1st October 2011 and is co-funded by the European Commission's FP7 Programme SST.2011.4.1-2.: Mitigation measures and good practice to reduce human fatalities and disruption of services resulting from suicides and trespass on railway property. It is coordinated by UIC (International Union of Railways).

The project's Newsletter, which will be published twice a year, intends to keep you updated on the ongoing activities of the RESTRAIL project.

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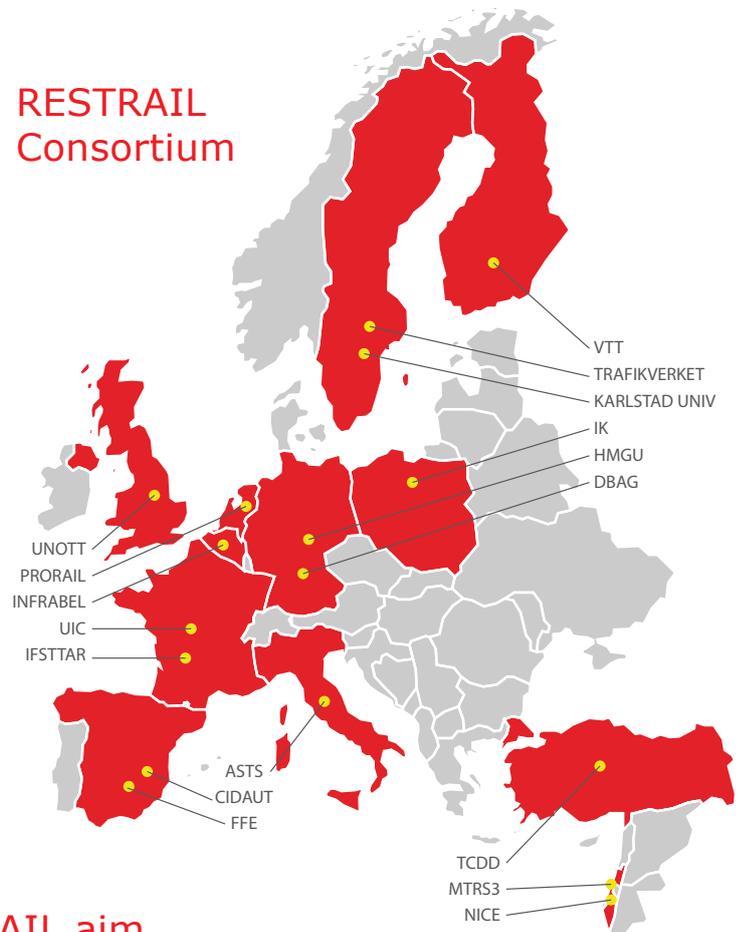
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RESTRAIL Consortium



RESTRAIL aim

The aim of the RESTRAIL project is to reduce:

- » The occurrence of suicides and trespass on railway property and
- » The service disruption and other consequences these events cause

by providing the rail industry with an analysis and identification of cost effective prevention and mitigation measures.

RESTRAIL partners

UIC	International Union of Railways	FR
VTT	VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland	FI
TrV	Swedish Transport Administration	SE
IFSTTAR	French institute of sciences and technology for transport, development and networks	FR
MTR	Mass Transit and Railway Security Services & Solutions	IL
CIDAUT	Research and Development Center in Transport & Energy, Spain	ES
HMGU	HelmholtzZentrum münchen. German Research Center for Environmental Health	DE
KAU	Karlstad University Sweden	SE
FFE	Spanish Railways Foundation	ES
TCDD	Turkish State Railway Administration	TK
DB	Deutsche Bahn AG	DE
IK	Polish Railway Institute	PL
PR	Dutch railway infrastructure manager	NL
NICE	Nice Systems Ltd	IL
ASTS	Ansaldo STS	IT
UNOTT	University of Nottingham	UK
INFRABEL	Belgian railway infrastructure manager	BE

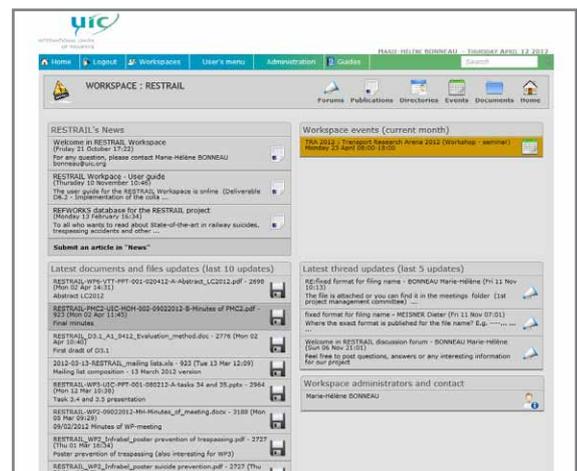
Deliverables already submitted

Implementation of the collaborative tool (UIC)

October 2011

The main objective of this private area so-called "RESTRAIL workspace" or "extranet" is to facilitate communication among the consortium members, with European Commission representatives as well as members of the advisory board and the end-users.

The "RESTRAIL workspace" is created in the new UIC collaborative tool "OVIDENTIA" which is an open source content management and a collaborative platform based on a large community of users.



RESTRAIL website now launched
www.RESTRAIL.eu

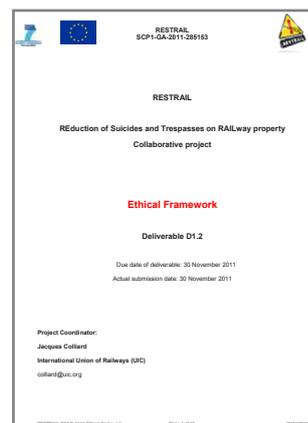


Ethical framework (UIC)

November 2011

Due to the importance of human aspects, (human factors, human behaviours, human decisions, human responses) within the topic of "suicides and trespass on railway property" addressed by the RESTRAIL, specific attention has to be paid to ethical aspects.

The purpose of this ethical framework is to establish a set of principles and procedures to guide the partners to achieve the goals and objectives of the RESTRAIL project. This framework outlines the obligations of each of the partners through all phases of the project, from the collection of data to the publication and communication of the experiences and outputs of the project.



Dissemination plan (UIC)

December 2011

The objective of the dissemination plan is to raise the awareness of the RESTRAIL project as well as its outcome in order to make RESTRAIL a successful project with sustainable output.

Dissemination activities of RESTRAIL start at the very beginning of the project and will continue throughout entire duration.

Next deliverables

June 2012

Consequences Mitigation information reference source (MTRS3)

The objective is to develop a functional information reference source that can be used by infrastructure managers, railway undertakings, police (state, municipal and railway), fire brigades and other first responders, regulatory and investigation bodies. The reference source will serve these bodies in their response management and consequences mitigation actions, particularly with respect to the shut-down time of railway operation.

July 2012

Generalised assessment method for trespass and suicide prevention (UNOTT and VTT)

The aim is to develop a common assessment criteria and methodology to evaluate soft and technical measures targeted to reduce suicide and trespass in railway environments.

September 2012

Information, situation management and decision support platform, including functional specifications for consequences mitigation (NICE system)

This task will focus on developing applications and integrating existing technologies (lab based integration) for the purpose of improving information collection and creation of a clearer situational picture, as well as for enhancing decision making processes and incident management by the decision makers of the various relevant entities (IM, RUs, police).

Timeline of key events since the launch of the project in October 2011



8 October 2011 RESTRAIL held its Kick-off Meeting

Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, UIC Director-General, and Jerzy Wisniewski, Director of the UIC Fundamental Values Department, welcomed the European Research Project Officer Alexandra-Maria Gurau and the representatives of the 17 partners from 12 countries to the official kick-off meeting held on 8 November 2011 at UIC headquarters in Paris.



TRA - Transport Research Arena 23-26 April 2012 in Athens

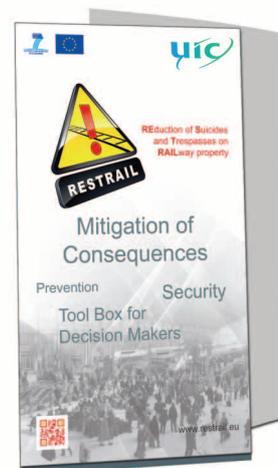


The RESTRAIL project was presented by Jerzy Wisniewski, UIC Fundamental Values Director at the Transport Research Arena 2012 - the top transport research event in Europe, bringing together every 2 years the key stakeholders: experts, operators, industry and policy-makers.

Transport Research Arena 2012 covered a wide spectrum of research and innovation activities, from basic sciences to application oriented engineering bringing together all the stakeholders of the transport system including road, maritime and rail.



Mr Andrew McNaughton, ERRAC Chairman and Mr Jean-Pierre Loubinoux, UIC Director-General, in front of the UIC stand



RESTRAIL poster at UIC stand