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Biography:

Katarzyna Kucharek has been working in the railway industry for over 11 years. At present, she is a Chief Executive Officer in PKP Group Foundation. One of the Foundation's priority goals is safety. During her work in PKP Polish Railway Company (Polish Railway Infrastructure Manager) she was responsible for social awareness campaign Safe Rail-Road Level Crossing – „Stop and Live!”. Mrs. Kucharek has also an extensive experience in international environment (groups working on safety at rail-road level crossings carried on by International Union of Railways and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe).

Title of presentation: Professional drivers vs. rail-road level crossings

Summary:

The awareness campaign "Safe rail-road level crossing" is aimed primarily at reducing the number of accidents and collisions at LXs. It involves marking each crossing with an Individual Identification Number, and running an awareness campaign, for example, for instructors at Driver Training Centers. Almost 14,000 level crossings have been labelled with over 28,000 INI stickers inviting members of the public to report damage to or malfunction of barriers or warning lights at such crossings.

A positive effect of this project has been 471 instances of feedback from the public during the period 1st June to 31st December 2018.

Educational activities undertaken by UTK – the Office of Rail Transport - are focused on creating awareness among trainee drivers. Among other materials and information, educational videos and articles concerning the safe rail-road level crossings initiative are provided within the driver training programme.